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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 71/323, the General Assembly decided to establish, at its seventy-second session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, open to all Member States:

(a) To identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on progress achieved in past sessions as well as on previous resolutions, including evaluating the status of their implementation;

(b) To submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-second session.

2. The General Assembly also decided that the Ad Hoc Working Group should continue its review of the inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted to the Assembly at its seventy-first session (A/71/1007), and, as a result, to continue to update the inventory to be attached to the report to be submitted to the Assembly at its seventy-second session. The present report and the recommendations contained herein are submitted pursuant to the provisions of that resolution.

3. During the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, the President of the General Assembly appointed the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations, María Emma Mejía Vélez, and the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations, Vladimir Drobnjak, as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

II. Proceedings

4. The Working Group held a total of seven meetings, on 20 February, 9 and 20 March, 16 and 27 April and 12 September 2018.

5. The programme of work was organized as follows: general discussion and exchange of views; and thematic meetings. In accordance with paragraph 36 of resolution 71/323, the general debate and the thematic meetings were webcast.

6. The themes identified by the Co-Chairs for consideration in the four thematic meetings comprised:

(a) The role and authority of the General Assembly;

(b) The working methods of the Assembly;

(c) The selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads of the United Nations system;

(d) The strengthening of the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

7. In addition, one meeting was held as part of the interactive dialogue between permanent missions and the Secretariat (5 April 2018). A presentation of the zero draft of the resolution was made at an informal meeting on 25 May 2018.

A. General discussion

8. The first meeting of the Working Group was convened by its Co-Chairs on 20 February 2018 (the list of speakers was subsequently continued, and exhausted, immediately prior to the first thematic meeting, on 9 March) and was attended by the President of the General Assembly. Following introductory remarks by the President,

the participants of the meetings heard interventions from 23 delegations, including on behalf of major groups (the remainder of the list of speakers was exhausted immediately preceding the second meeting, on 9 March). The Working Group also had before it a tentative timetable for the thematic discussions; the report of the Secretary-General on mandates addressed to the Secretariat that had not been implemented (A/72/736), issued pursuant to resolution 71/323; and a draft updated inventory chart of all revitalization mandates, which was uploaded on the dedicated revitalization link accessible from the website of the General Assembly (http://www.un.org/en/ga/revitalization/).

9. In his opening remarks, the President of the General Assembly pointed to a significant increase in the work of the General Assembly over the past several decades, citing, for example, a rise in the number of agenda items and resolutions adopted and in the number of issues that are considered directly in plenary meetings. He cited the inclusion and participation of other stakeholders as an opportunity to further enhance the Assembly's work. The President cautioned, however, that there was currently no adequate system in place to support the Office of the President of the General Assembly in that process. The President further argued that, in spite of a number of steps taken during previous sessions, such as the introduction of handover reports and a retreat bringing together the incoming and the outgoing presidents, the Office had almost no institutional memory. That was compounded by a lack of preparation time, as the President assumed office one week before the high-level week. Furthermore, Presidents-elect were tasked every year with mobilizing the funds to sustain a year-long budget, which, the President suggested, led to a lack of predictability that could have an adverse effect on the activities of the Office. The President looked forward to the Working Group's consideration during the session of a possible code of conduct to guide election campaigns. Another major opportunity was the innovation of holding informal dialogues with candidates for the post of President and their presentation of a vision statement.

10. In the subsequent debate, speakers overwhelmingly noted the importance of the revitalization process and highlighted the significant achievements realized during the previous sessions, citing, in particular, the adoption of resolutions 69/321, 70/305 and 71/323. The webcasting of the meetings of the Working Group was welcomed as an enhancement of the transparency and accountability of the General Assembly.

11. A group of Member States underscored the importance of preserving the intergovernmental, inclusive and democratic nature of the United Nations and stressed the imperative need to consult with Member States within the Organization. Member States emphasized the need to respect the Charter-based prerogatives of each of the principal organs. Other delegations focused on enhancing the General Assembly's efficiency and effectiveness and called for concrete steps to deliver in better and more efficient ways and to ensure that the Organization worked within the agreed budget levels. One delegation called for vigilance about budgetary implications and stressed that efficiency entailed operating within existing resources.

12. The desire to streamline the agenda of the General Assembly was widely shared, including through the biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of agenda items. One group of States strongly believed that certain resolutions should be on the basis of a biennial and triennial cycle. Another speaker proposed reducing the number of agenda items as an issue of urgent importance, arguing that it would enhance the Assembly's ability to address challenges with increased efficiency and effectiveness. Several speakers referred to the option of introducing a sunset clause. One delegation cautioned, however, that any streamlining of the agenda needed to be done on a case-by-case basis and in consultation with the Member States concerned. Speakers also recalled past and ongoing efforts to streamline the agendas of the

General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

13. Member States touched upon the scheduling of high-level meetings during the high-level week in September. Many stressed that such meetings should be kept to the absolutely critical minimum in order to preserve and strengthen the sanctity of the general debate. Noting that the high-level week was already extremely busy, one speaker suggested that new high-level meetings should be spread out over the rest of the year and should focus on subjects relevant to the entire membership. Another encouraged Member States to be bold enough to take the steps necessary to reduce the schedule of high-level events on the margin of the general debate, noting Member States' responsibility for the proliferation of such meetings. One delegation called for the finalization of the calendar of high-level meetings at least six months before September and its timely distribution to Member States in order to give sufficient time to plan participation. A delegation also expressed the wish that the list of speakers for the general debate should be produced in a manner that more accurately reflects the political context of individual Member States in which the Head of State performs a ceremonial or symbolic role and the Head of Government holds the highest political office.

14. Some delegations called upon the General Committee and the Secretariat to further coordinate in order to avoid scheduling conflicts between plenary meetings and subsidiary bodies that dealt with issues involving the same experts. In general, the scheduling of meetings should take into account the capacities of permanent missions from developing countries.

15. Several speakers welcomed the steps taken regarding the provision of the *Journal of the United Nations* in digital format in all six languages. Many delegations encouraged the taking of additional steps to improve its accessibility even further. The need for full implementation of rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly was reiterated. One delegation expressed the specific wish that the information regarding the ratification of treaties be provided in all six languages. Another encouraged the Secretariat to make available on handheld devices information on cancellations of meetings, as currently displayed on screens at United Nations Headquarters. Some speakers looked forward to the continuation during the seventy-second session of the comprehensive dialogue established between permanent missions and the Secretariat.

16. Attention was given to the selection process of the Secretary-General and other executive heads. A group of States referred to its conclusions from the most recent selection process (A/72/514-S/2017/846) and, together with other groups, argued for the consolidation of the historic achievement attained. Improved interaction between the Security Council and the General Assembly was highlighted as a topic for further discussion. Another group underlined that, at whatever stage a candidature was presented, the new procedure would always be followed in the future, and encouraged a deadline for the presentation of candidates. This group also wished to further consider the possibility of submitting multiple candidates to the General Assembly; the application of practices used in the selection of other executive heads; and updating the oath of office. The same group wished to see extensive consultations on the draft resolution on the appointment of the Secretary-General and the conduct of a secret ballot in the Assembly.

17. Another delegation, however, argued against a non-renewable single term and in favour of appointment by consensus so as to ensure that the Secretary-General enjoyed the unified support of the entire membership. It was stressed that any new proposals must be studied very carefully to ensure their conformity with the Charter

of the United Nations and that the viability of innovative ideas ought to be borne in mind before they were tabled.

18. Regarding the appointment of other executive heads and senior officials in the Organization, one group advocated that the Secretary-General should exercise independence in appointing senior officials, while securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, as well as equal and fair distribution based on gender and geographical balance. While commending the Secretary-General for the steps already taken, many delegations wished to receive a clearer overview from the Secretariat regarding vacancies for all senior posts and a broader and timely dissemination to the wider membership of positions available at the level of Under-Secretary-General and other senior posts. It was stressed that, in line with past resolutions, no country or group of countries should hold any type of monopoly on senior positions in the Secretariat.

19. With regard to the strengthening of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, several delegations welcomed the steps taken to ensure greater transparency and accountability. A group of States wished to see additional posts in the Office of the President of the General Assembly on a permanent basis, as well as sufficient human and financial resources from the United Nations regular budget. It also highlighted the need for successful transition from one presidency to the next. One delegation proposed holding the election of the President earlier than June in order to afford the President-elect sufficient time to assemble a team and adequately prepare for the handover. The informal dialogue with candidates for the post was cited as an important innovation that would serve to ensure that the best candidate was elected.

20. Several speakers noted that only 3 of the 72 Presidents to date had been women and that it was of the utmost importance that the next President should be a woman from Latin America. Noting that the President had become a global interlocutor at the highest international levels, and pointing out that Presidents were elected in their personal rather than national capacity, one delegation stressed that the person must have the best qualifications to accomplish the ever more complex tasks inherent to the office. The creation of informal dialogues therefore was of the highest significance to ensure that Member States had the best information at their disposal to decide which candidate to support. A group of States, which noted that the President's role over the years had transcended ceremonial and procedural aspects, appealed to the current President to make sure that all information — including financial, staffing and official travel information — was updated regularly. Another group encouraged the President to continue improving the digital publishing of documents. Yet, it was emphasized that any proposal on enhancing the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly needed first to be considered by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee.

21. In concluding remarks, the Co-Chairs noted the wide range of substantive issues raised and emphasized that their main objective would continue to be to listen to Member States' interventions during the forthcoming thematic debates. The views and positions would form the basis for the zero draft of the resolution to be circulated before the commencement of the negotiations.

B. Thematic meetings

First thematic meeting: the role and authority of the General Assembly

22. In the course of the first thematic meeting, held on 9 March 2018, 22 delegations made statements, including on behalf of major groups (immediately prior to the first

thematic meeting, the Working Group exhausted the list of speakers from the first meeting, which had been dedicated to a general debate). Following opening remarks by the Co-Chairs a briefing was provided by Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications on efforts by the Department of Public Information to enhance the visibility of the work of the General Assembly.

23. The Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications affirmed that the General Assembly continued to be at the centre of the efforts of the Department of Public Information to tell the United Nations story to the global public every day, in as many languages and via as many platforms as possible. The Under-Secretary-General cited the live and archived webcast coverage of the meetings of the plenary and the Main Committees as well as same-day press releases in English and French summarizing the proceedings. She also noted the practical support provided by the Department to the Office of the President of the General Assembly, which included making a staff member available to support the communications team of the Office, producing and disseminating the annual General Assembly press kit and providing year-round media support to the President, for example, assisting in the placement of op-eds, amplifying social media content, arranging media interviews and providing media monitoring when the President was travelling.

24. In the subsequent interactive segment, one delegation expressed its serious concern that press releases produced by the Department in different languages were not identical in all versions. Another pointed to the potential loss of meaning in the interpretation from one language to another. Noting that there were no clear criteria as to when the Secretariat provided official photography services, one delegation suggested that a notice should be placed in the *Journal* to inform delegations in advance, which would assist smaller permanent missions in particular in their daily work. A link could also be placed in the *Journal* to access photographs that had been taken. Another delegation highlighted the need for web pages to be updated more regularly. The Under-Secretary-General took note of the concerns raised and assured the delegations that the Department would look into them. She also assured them that the Department was committed to being as accurate as possible in its press releases in different language versions, which by their nature had to be produced simultaneously, and stressed the Department's commitment to further engage with Member States on the issue.

25. In the course of the subsequent debate, delegations focused on the role and authority of the General Assembly, especially from the perspective of the Assembly's relationship with the other principal organs, in particular the Security Council.

26. Many Member States stressed the importance of strengthening the authority of the General Assembly, including in matters of peace and security. For example, one group of States stressed the necessity of complete observance by the Security Council of all Charter provisions, as well as of General Assembly resolutions, and urged the Council to submit a more comprehensive and analytical annual report to the General Assembly. Other speakers stressed that the best way to enhance the role and authority of the Assembly was to improve its efficiency and effectiveness, pointing to, among other elements, the respective and complementary functions of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

27. Referring to a proposal for the Working Group to elaborate a code of conduct for election campaigns during the seventy-second session, one delegation noted that a more realistic innovation would be to offer Member States a platform to engage with candidates for seats on the Security Council and the Human Rights Council regarding their track record and commitment to the principles set out in the Charter and in the resolution establishing the Human Rights Council, respectively.

28. In the context of efficiency, a group of States underscored the need to take steps to find new and creative ways to work to achieve a more effective delivery of mandates and sustainable use of resources. Some delegations emphasized the importance of including other stakeholders in the work of the General Assembly. Arguing that it was not too early to focus on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, it was suggested that the Working Group could pave the way for the formal preparatory process.

29. A large majority of delegations called for greater coherence in the work of the various principal organs and greater coordination among them through regular meetings of their Presidents. Efforts to that end should include rationalizing their respective agendas, in particular those of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council — and their subsidiary organs — in the light of the 2030 Agenda. More generally, it was argued that the voluminous agenda of the Assembly was a burden for Member States, which was exacerbated by the heavy load of documentation.

30. With regard to the interactive and comprehensive dialogue between permanent missions and the Secretariat, which was established under the cluster of this thematic debate, a group of States looked forward to the practical implementation of the new provisions agreed the previous year. Some delegations sought an update on the implementation of the "one-stop-shop" application.

31. One delegation expressed concern over a perceived lack of coordination within the Secretariat and called for greater responsiveness by the Secretariat to Member States' requirements. An important means of identifying such requirements — in addition to the formal dialogues established by the Working Group — could be holding informal exchanges at the working level.

32. Against the backdrop of the forthcoming election of the President of the seventy-third session, one speaker advocated equitable geographical rotation in the election of the Presidents of the General Assembly; whereas another looked forward to the informal dialogue with candidates pursuant to resolution 71/323.

33. In concluding remarks, the Co-Chairs noted the wide range of substantive issues raised and highlighted in particular the proposal to pave the way for preparing the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

Second thematic meeting: the working methods of the General Assembly

34. The second thematic meeting was convened by the Co-Chairs on 20 March 2018. In accordance with paragraph 21 of resolution 71/323, the meeting participants heard briefings from the Chairs and representatives of the six Main Committees. During the interactive question-and-answer segments that followed, delegations had an opportunity to pose questions.

35. The Co-Chairs, in their opening remarks, outlined several achievements attributable to resolution 71/323 and identified certain topics that might be addressed during the session. Regarding the latter, they looked forward to hearing from Member States, including on a possible code of conduct to guide election campaigns; reducing the number of side events in September; the pattern of rotation of Main Committee Chairs; and the possibilities of rationalizing the agenda of the General Assembly. Another matter that had been discussed in the previous session related to the possibility of bringing forward the opening of the Assembly's session to an earlier date, without, however, changing the start of the general debate. The Co-Chairs invited delegations to evaluate the revised format, production and editing of the *Journal*, noting general satisfaction with the substantial innovation undertaken over

the year. The Co-Chairs thanked the Secretariat for having organized tutorials on the use of the new "one-stop-shop" portal.

Briefings by the Chairs of the Main Committees

36. The Chair of the First Committee noted the development of the Committee's working methods over the years, as seen in relevant General Assembly resolutions. The use of the e-Speakers and e-Sponsors tools had added convenience for delegations and increased the transparency of the proceedings. The recommendations of the previous Bureau had been taken into consideration in the improvement of the e-Sponsors tool. The First Committee "Place" had been introduced in 2017 to provide services through a single portal. Great emphasis had been placed on time management and the Committee had been able to achieve a utilization factor of 97 per cent, in spite of a record number of speakers. The Chair applauded delegations' efforts to deliver their statements within the time limits set, which was facilitated by a buzzer system. There was, however, scope for greater participation by civil society.

37. The Rapporteur of the Fourth Committee conveyed the Bureau's support for the ongoing efforts to further streamline and rationalize the agenda of the General Assembly. The Committee had continued its practice of holding interactive dialogues with high-level representatives of the Secretariat and agencies, in accordance with resolution 58/316. With a view to achieving closer coordination and cooperation among the Main Committees, a joint panel discussion was held by the First and Fourth Committees on the issue of space security. This was the second such joint panel discussion: the first had been held during the seventieth session. Time management had proved crucial for the successful conduct of work during the session. The use of a flashing light on microphones when one minute remained had proved to be helpful. With regard to e-services, while e-deleGATE served to simplify the flow of information, the greatest benefit had been seen in the use of the Fourth Committee "Place", which had replaced the password-protected website and the mailing list that had been used in the past. The Committee had successfully launched a website for the submission of requests by petitioners (epetition.un.org).

38. The Chair of the Second Committee noted that the review of the Committee's working methods was an ongoing process, which had led to early agreement on a programme of work; timely identification of facilitators; limitation of the number of side events to three; the convening of a joint meeting with the Economic and Social Council; the thematic clustering of agenda items; establishing time limits for interventions; deadlines for submission of draft resolutions; and increased use of e-deleGATE. Through proactive time management, it was possible to achieve the 80 per cent benchmark for utilization of conference servicing resources set by the Committee on Conferences. At the same time, negotiations — particularly against the backdrop of various ongoing reform initiatives — had proved time-consuming. Ultimately, the Committee had maintained its practice of striving for consensus. Outstanding issues concerned the alignment of the agenda in the light of the 2030 Agenda. Any discussions on the revitalization of the work of the Second Committee needed to be conducted in a coherent and complementary fashion and take into account other intergovernmental processes.

39. The Chair of the Third Committee recalled the conference room paper on the revitalization of the work of the Committee that had originally been prepared at the sixty-fifth session and had subsequently been updated. There had been a clear and consistent increase in the Committee's workload, which further underscored the importance of time management. At the same time, efforts in that regard had probably been exhausted as the Committee was currently highly efficient in its working methods. For example, the introduction of proposals had been discontinued, thereby saving some eight hours of meeting time. The Chair shared an informal proposal, in

his personal capacity, to modify the terms of office of the President of the General Assembly and the Chairs of the Main Committees to align them with the calendar year.

40. The Chair of the Fifth Committee analysed the Committee's workload in terms of items allocated to it, as well as the additional implications arising from decisions taken by the Main Committees with potential budgetary consequences. Highlighting the Committee's special nature owing to its consensual decision-making practice and the fact that its resolutions were of a binding nature, rather than recommendatory, as was often the case for the other Main Committees, the Chair underlined the importance of the competence of the Secretariat staff, of the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and of the delegates assigned to the Fifth Committee. While the Committee prima facie dealt with issues of an administrative and budgetary character, its discussions were of a highly political nature, which was further accentuated by the direct impact of its outcomes on the entire United Nations common system. The Chair noted the importance of timely documentation, while at the same time acknowledging the complexity of the issuance cycle, which involved author departments, the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

41. The Vice-Chair of the Sixth Committee noted that, in preparing for the session, the Bureau had taken into account the proposals contained in the paper on lessons learned that had been prepared during the sixty-eighth session. During the current session, an exchange of views on the Committee's working methods had been held under the revitalization item. Regarding the provisional programme of work, the Bureau had proactively addressed the overlap with the schedule of the plenary meetings, especially concerning the consideration of the reports of the International Criminal Court and of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, as a result of which dates had been agreed to facilitate the participation of smaller delegations. Member States had also benefitted from the practice of informal briefings and side events, which encouraged dialogue between Member States and other stakeholders. While welcoming the e-deleGATE portal and PaperSmart services, the Vice-Chair encouraged the Secretariat to continue to expand its electronic information resources. Lastly, the current Bureau intended to hold a handover meeting with its successor, once elected.

42. In the subsequent question-and-answer segment, seven delegations engaged the Main Committee representatives on the issues that they had raised or on specific proposals of their own as to how to further enhance efficiencies, including through better coordination. Among the points raised was the proposed change to the calendar of General Assembly sessions, in which regard delegations sought further clarification on the details and rationale of such an innovation.

Statements/debate

43. During the debate, 18 delegations made statements, including on behalf of groups. Speakers reviewed the implementation of the provisions adopted by the General Assembly under this thematic cluster during the seventy-first session, noting and highlighting various achievements. At the same time, the need to advance progress in streamlining the agenda and reducing the workload of the Assembly, including in the light of the 2030 Agenda, was raised frequently. A group of States stressed the urgent need for steps to be taken towards rationalizing the agenda in order to reprioritize, eliminate duplication and overlap and promote complementarity in the consideration and negotiations of similar and related issues. In that regard, the President of the General Assembly, together with the Main Committee Chairs and the

President of the Economic and Social Council, had an important role to play in finding synergies.

44. One speaker specifically encouraged the Main Committees to identify resolutions suitable for biennial or triennial review. Another referred to a clear and pressing need to streamline the work of the General Assembly by highlighting the steady increase in the number of items on the Assembly's agenda and the concomitant rise in the number of resolutions adopted each year. One delegation suggested biennializing the revitalization item itself, which would allow for greater focus on implementing previous resolutions rather than negotiating a new resolution every year. One group supported attempts at finding synergies and eliminating duplication and encouraged the exploration of possible avenues for the biennialization and triennialization of some agenda items with the aim of achieving tangible improvements in 2018. Another agreed that streamlining the agenda and programmes of work of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in the light of the 2030 Agenda would be an inestimable contribution to the work of the Organization.

45. Another group noted, however, that more discussions were needed on the issue of adopting a biennial or triennial cycle for certain resolutions and that Member States' views, in particular those of the original sponsors, needed to be duly taken into account before taking any action.

46. The scheduling of meetings was identified as another important area for possible improvement in the working methods of the General Assembly, with one group of States stressing that meetings organized in parallel with the general debate should be kept to the absolutely critical minimum in order to preserve the integrity of the debate. The same group recalled that high-level thematic debates organized by the President of the General Assembly should be limited to current issues of critical importance to the international community. Another group looked forward to the implementation of existing provisions aimed at enhancing the coordination of high-level meetings to optimize their number and relevance, and stressed the role of the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly, including in his capacity as Chair of the General Committee, and of the Chairs of the Main Committee in that regard. One speaker supported spreading out high-level meetings across the year.

47. Several speakers noted room for improvement regarding the coordination among the Main Committees during the session and the transition from one session to the next. Similarly, some Member States recalled the mandate for the President of the General Assembly to make enhanced use of the General Committee. Main Committees and other bodies were encouraged to start meetings on time.

48. With regard to the possible modification of the opening date of the sessions of the General Assembly, one speaker raised different alternative options, namely 1 January, 1 August or 1 September, each with its own advantages and disadvantages. That speaker's delegation therefore suggested that the Secretariat be tasked with conducting a detailed study of all the possible options, which would help Member States to make an informed decision. Any such decision could take effect from the seventy-fifth session and would need to take into account the calendar of meetings of other bodies. One delegation supported advancing the assumption of office by the President of the General Assembly to allow more time for preparation. Another delegation advocated holding the election of the President earlier to address the same concern.

49. Some speakers encouraged the Working Group to focus on the development of a code of conduct for election campaigns with a view to improving standards of transparency, accountability and equity. It was suggested that candidates should not engage in negative campaigning against their opponents and should focus instead on

their own strengths. One group identified room for improvement regarding the scrutinization of candidates and their campaigns and proposed strengthening existing forums, as well as establishing new forums, in which the wider membership could engage with candidates regarding their commitment to the goals and principles of the bodies they wished to serve, suggesting that voluntary adherence to such initiatives by candidates could serve as a criterion for support.

50. Regarding the mandate from resolution 71/323 to prepare a rotation pattern for future elections of Main Committee Chairs, one group of States expressed a preference that such elections should take place six months before the opening of the subsequent session. It also proposed to elect the non-permanent members of the Security Council a full year before their term of office, instead of six months before, as provided for in resolution 68/307, and advocated expanding the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

51. Many delegations welcomed the improved format of the *Journal*. One group, noting that the renewed *Journal* reflected the Organizations' commitment to multilingualism, called for further improving the ease of access to the *Journal* on electronic devices. Another group suggested that there was a need for further fine-tuning in order to achieve a more user-friendly platform with straightforward access, as envisaged by the membership the previous year. One group looked forward to steps to be taken to ensure the full implementation of rule 55, namely, publication of the *Journal* in the six official languages. One speaker considered the changes to the *Journal* to be a tangible success of the Working Group.

52. A group of States called on the Secretariat to come up with ideas for a workable solution to ensure that General Assembly meetings were provided with interpretation services, irrespective of whether they ran overtime. The group also requested the timely issuance of documentation. Regarding the e-services provided by the Secretariat, such as the webcasting of meetings and the PaperSmart portal, the group stressed that their use should not be interpreted as an alternative to the provision of hard copies. One delegation called for a user-friendly application on electronic devices to receive real-time updates of any changes to the time or venue of meetings.

53. A group of States supported the proposal put forward by another delegation at a previous meeting to initiate timely preparations for the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, in 2020, which would allow Member States to take stock of renewals and reforms, as well as their implementation. Referring to the Secretary-General's annual report on the work of the Organization, one delegation noted that, while the Secretary-General made a statement preceding the general debate pursuant to resolution 51/241, there was no presentation of the report itself at the actual time of the consideration of the agenda item in the plenary.

54. Two speakers advocated the removal of curtains from conference rooms, where applicable, citing the practice of the Sixth Committee during the seventy-second session, which had provided delegates with a view of the East River. One delegation called for proposals to address the lack of access by the staff of the permanent missions from developing countries to the Delegates' Dining Room at United Nations Headquarters owing to the cost, which undermined the quality of work of the General Assembly.

55. In concluding remarks, the Co-Chairs expressed gratitude for the rich debate and assured delegations that they had taken careful note of the views expressed, which would be duly taken into account.

Third thematic meeting: selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads of the United Nations system

56. The Co-Chairs convened the third thematic meeting of the Working Group on 16 April 2018 and heard statements from 17 delegations, including on behalf of major groups. Before the debate, the Working Group received a briefing from the Office of Human Resources Management on the gender balance and regional origin of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, in accordance with paragraph 65 of resolution 71/323.

57. The Director of the Learning, Development and Human Resources Services Division of the Office of Human Resources Management informed the Working Group that the number of staff in the Secretariat over the past 30 years had increased from some 14,000 to 38,105. Of those, 65 per cent were men and 35 per cent were women. Of the latter, 6,803 were from landlocked least developed countries. Of the 45 members of the Senior Management Group, more than half were women (the presentation was subsequently circulated in a letter dated 18 April 2018 from the President of the General Assembly to all Member States).

58. In an interactive question-and-answer segment, one speaker observed that the African Group was well represented within the Secretariat, but not at the highest level, and that, therefore, more efforts needed to be made in that direction. The same delegation argued that recent resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly had not been fully implemented and called for consultations with Member States before deciding on senior appointments. In response, the Office of Human Resources Management highlighted the difference between appointments made by the Secretary-General and those of executive heads of other specialized agencies, over which the Secretary-General had no authority. He also stressed the improvements made over the past 30 years; and referred delegations to the Secretary-General's website, on which all senior vacancies were advertised.

59. In the subsequent debate, speakers overwhelmingly welcomed the selection process that had led to the appointment of the ninth Secretary-General, citing the various innovative steps taken as a result of resolution 69/321. Many delegations emphasized their expectation that the innovative procedure used in the most recent appointment process pursuant to resolution 69/321 (including the sending of a joint letter from the Presidents of the General Assembly and of the Security Council inviting candidates to come forward; the circulation of candidacies received as official documents; and the convening of informal dialogues) should be applied in all future selection processes. To safeguard the institutional memory and lessons learned from the most recent process, those delegations requested the Working Group to give priority to the consolidation of the appointment process. References were made to the notes containing lessons learned from the selection process (A/71/774-S/2017/93 and A/72/514-S/2017/846), both of which, it was argued, could serve as an input to the discussion. One speaker requested either the Secretariat or the Co-Chairs to prepare a document that set out the process and new measures introduced to date.

60. A group of States called upon the President of the General Assembly at future sessions to play a proactive role and the Security Council to recommend more than one candidate for the Assembly's consideration. The same group encouraged the introduction of a deadline for the presentation of candidacies; the tabling of a draft resolution in the General Assembly, preceded by wide and extensive consultations with all Member States; and action on the recommendation by secret ballot. It also advocated the updating of the Secretary-General's oath of office. In general, the group was of the view that resolution 11 (I) of 1946 had been amended by relevant provisions from subsequent resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

61. The possibility of considering the establishment of a single, non-renewable term was raised. One speaker specifically supported such an innovation as a measure against what was described as undue political pressure, and as providing the space necessary to develop a long-term vision for the Organization. The same delegation argued that the proposed change would also support a more consistent regional rotation of the post. Another delegation, on the other hand, opposed a single term, arguing that while the renewal of that term ought not to be taken for granted, neither should the possibility of reappointment be automatically precluded. Furthermore, seven years, which was frequently put forward as the proposed length of the single term, was too long. That same delegation also argued in favour of appointment without a vote, noting that the consensual aura of unified support enhanced a Secretary-General's capacity to accomplish his or her goals.

62. Various speakers touched upon the informal hearings with candidates, which they welcomed as a tangible improvement or, in the words of one group, as an essential component of the appointment process. Nevertheless, opportunities for further improving the format of those hearings were noted. One group encouraged civil society participation to assist Member States in their assessments. Another group, on the other hand, was of the view that civil society participation needed to be in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31. One delegation proposed that the President of the seventy-third session convene a forum for the candidate countries for the Human Rights Council, giving them the opportunity to discuss their commitment to human rights, as well as their priorities for the Human Rights Council should they win a seat.

63. One group of States proposed the consideration of possible ways of assessing the level of the General Assembly's support for the candidates throughout the process. At the same time, the group expressed the wish that the Council provide regular public briefings on the selection process and communicate openly the straw poll results. The group further noted that the personal qualifications of candidates should be the most important criterion, with due regard paid to geographical rotation and gender balance.

64. Other delegations underscored the need for full implementation of Article 97 of the Charter and stressed the role of the Security Council in the selection process of the Secretary-General, which had served the Organization well since its inception. Noting the innovative changes introduced during the most recent process, the delegations emphasized that any new proposals required in-depth examination, including with a view to ensuring their full compliance with the Charter. These delegations highlighted the importance of flexibility to ensure that the best person, regardless of gender and geographical origin, would be selected for the post of Secretary-General. One delegation opposed any automatic favouring of women candidates and argued against the excessive codification of the process, rejecting the request for the Council to publish straw poll results, which, it argued, could be embarrassing for the candidates. Furthermore, there should be no duplication of informal meetings with candidates between the Council and the General Assembly. Lastly, the suggestion of a single term could be perceived as an attempt to separate the Secretary-General from the work of the Organization.

65. Turning to senior appointments and the selection of executive heads, delegations welcomed the attainment by the Secretary-General of gender parity in the Senior Management Group. One group of States strongly encouraged the Secretary-General to continue along that path with a view to achieving gender parity within the Organization as a whole. Nevertheless, one delegation noted that equality and fairness should not depend on the actions of one man alone, which was why it welcomed the system-wide strategy on gender parity. One group called for briefings by the Office of Human Resources Management to become a routine feature of the Working Group's deliberations every year. Regarding gender parity, the group emphasized the

need to better ensure that efforts to achieve gender parity included women from small island development States and landlocked and least developed countries.

66. One group called upon the Secretariat to provide a clearer overview of vacancies and timelines for all senior appointments. Several delegations stressed the importance that recruitments be made on as wide a geographical basis as possible; and that there should be no monopoly on senior posts. It was argued that countries with a proven track record with their contributions should be adequately represented in the Secretariat.

67. In concluding, the Co-Chairs summarized the debate by contrasting areas of entrenched divergence with areas of potential convergence. Whereas the former had been exhaustively discussed at previous sessions (for example, term limit, secret ballot and multiple candidates), other improvements that could be considered during the current session included the introduction of a deadline for the presentation of candidacies; the consolidation of the modalities for the withdrawal of candidacies; and the updating of the Secretary-General's oath of office.

Fourth thematic meeting: strengthening the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly

68. The Co-Chairs convened the fourth thematic meeting on 27 April 2018. It included briefings by the President of the General Assembly and the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management. The briefings were followed by an interactive question-and-answer session and, subsequently, by remarks from 23 delegations, including on behalf of major groups.

69. The President of the General Assembly briefed the Working Group on the implementation of the mandates addressed to him by resolution 71/323 and on recent trends concerning the workload of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, highlighting the increasing demands on the President as a result of the Assembly's enhanced agenda, for example, the proliferation of mandates for high-level meetings during the opening of the seventy-fourth session, in spite of the Assembly's own repeated call to limit the number of such events during the general debate, as well as a high number of negotiation processes that require the President to play an oversight role. The President expressed gratitude to all Member States who supported the trust fund in support of the Office, which made up 88 per cent of its budget, whereas only 12 per cent came from the regular budget.

70. Secondly, the President spoke of the importance of the Office's institutional memory. Past steps to redress the situation in that regard included the introduction of a handover report; ongoing efforts to improve archiving; an annual retreat; and the induction training provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. However, the President suggested the possibility of opening the session earlier than a week before the general debate, which would give the Office more time to establish itself before the demands of the high-level week began.

71. Thirdly, the President referred to transparency and accountability, to which, he stressed, he was personally deeply committed, noting that he had been the first to voluntarily publish a summary of his financial disclosure online. Other details regarding the activities and financing of the Office were made available through the President's website. In the context of transparency, the President would soon convene the first interactive dialogue with candidates for President of the General Assembly, based on the mandate contained in resolution 71/323.

72. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management briefed the Working Group on the support provided by the Secretariat to the Office of the President of the General Assembly, which covered the staffing,

sources of funding and the regular Secretariat support available to the Office, while highlighting the wide range of support provided from within the Secretariat, which transcended any one Department. As to staffing, the Department covered the expenses of five staff members (2 D-2, 1 D-1, 1 P-5 and 1 General Service) in the Office and provided direct support by means of three Professional posts from within the Department. In addition, and also from within its own resources, the Department made available two General Service staff members, who were located in the Office, as well as translators and text processors, as needed. The Department of Management provided a car and driver for official purposes, as well as office space, including transitional office space during the three-month transition period. The Department of Safety and Security provided a detail of two security officers, including during travel. A spokesperson was provided by the Department of Public Information, and legal guidance was provided by the Office of Legal Affairs on an as-needed basis. Other substantive departments and offices were ready to accommodate the needs of the President, as required, for the work of the General Assembly.

73. With regard to funding, the regular budget allocation amounted to approximately $326,000 per session. In the light of the static nature of the funding, a trust fund had been created in 2010, the importance of which had been stressed by Member States in General Assembly resolutions. Contributions were usually earmarked either for specific purposes, that is, in support of particular meetings, or for general administrative, logistical and management support, and were associated with a specific session. Noting the General Assembly's request to the Secretary-General to submit proposals to review the budget allocation to the Office in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, and in accordance with the recommendation in the report of the Task Force on the functioning of the Office, the Secretary-General had included in the proposed programme budget for 2018–2019 a proposal to establish an additional P-5 position in the Office to ensure continuity and manage the transfer of knowledge between sessions and additional general temporary assistance resources corresponding to an overlap period of one month for four positions in the Office to maximize the use of the transition period for incoming Presidents. To this end, the proposed budget for the Office for the biennium 2018–2019 had reflected an increase of $386,500. The Assembly, when it adopted the programme budget at the end of the main part of its seventy-second session, had decided against allocating those additional resources.

74. In terms of other support, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management fulfilled the role of focal point and assisted the Office throughout the year through conference management support, protocol and institutional memory. The Department would also continue the practice of organizing an induction programme for incoming Presidents.

75. In an interactive exchange, one delegation underscored the importance of predictable funding for the Office, citing the findings of a report of the Joint Inspection Unit on voluntary contributions (JIU/REP/2017/2). Another delegation queried whether the reclassification of the existing posts allocated to the Office — for example, abolishing Director posts and creating more Professional positions — could be advantageous; and whether the Department could provide an indicative figure of the actual support provided if one took into account the non-budgetary provisions, noting for instance that the current President had already spent 57 days of his presidency travelling overseas. The same delegation raised the possibility of agreeing on a generic template for resolutions on the modalities of high-level meetings, which had the potential to drastically reduce the President's workload. In response, the Chef de Cabinet of the Office pointed out that it was not within the Office's remit to reclassify the existing posts and opined that it would be difficult for the membership to agree on generic modalities for high-level meetings as each

thematic issue was distinct. The Under-Secretary-General of the Department responded positively to the request for an overall figure for the support that is provided to the Office, which would be communicated to the Working Group through the Co-Chairs. If useful, such a figure could be provided on an annual basis.

76. In the subsequent debate, delegations touched upon a wide range of issues related to the Office, focusing on the perceived need to further enhance support for the Office in the light of the steady increase in the workload of the General Assembly over the years and the expansion of the role played by its Presidents in the recent past. On the other hand, it was pointed out that the President's original responsibilities were encapsulated in the rules of procedure, namely, to preside over the meetings of the Assembly. The recent achievements in terms of the adoption of an oath of office and a code of conduct were universally welcomed.

77. With regard to the budgetary provisions, many delegations supported adequate funding of the Office in the light of the increased workload of the President over the years. One group of States pointed out that a considerable amount of the expenses were covered by the country of origin of the President, which created a risk of inequality, in particular for developing countries. One speaker favoured the allocation of appropriate resources while highlighting the need to maintain budgetary discipline. Another supported "realistic proposals" for strengthening the Office, which needed to be considered in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure and resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, that is, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in the Fifth Committee. Furthermore, support for the Office should be provided by the Secretariat within existing budgetary resources. Another delegation expressed reservations on any proposals that could have budgetary implications, noting that United Nations reform was best served when it brought cost savings or was cost-neutral.

78. Concerning human resources, one group underlined the need for the assignment of additional posts to the Office on a permanent basis. Another group argued that the core staff of the Office should be recruited for periods of longer than one year to ensure continuous institutional memory. At the same time, it was pointed out that the Office should reflect the geographical diversity of the membership and that the practice of secondments should be continued. According to one delegation, that practice should continue in a more transparent and systematic manner.

79. To safeguard the Office's institutional memory and ensure a smooth transition between presidencies, several delegations welcomed recent innovations, such as the introduction of a handover report. They also called for improvements in the Office's archiving system. One group encouraged the President to continue efforts to make communication tools even more accessible. The need to continue improving the digital documents published by the President was stressed. One delegation noted that communications from the President did not have official document symbols and therefore could not be easily referenced. Another suggested that lessons could be learned from Member States who had held the presidency.

80. Efforts undertaken to reflect gender parity within the Office were welcomed. One Member State pointed out that nearly all facilitation processes were being led by gender-balanced teams of facilitators, which was a great achievement, bearing in mind that only 20 per cent of Permanent Representatives were women. At the same time, the future presentation of female candidates was encouraged.

81. One group encouraged Presidents to continue the practice of periodically briefing Member States on their activities, including official travel, noting that, as Chair of a principal organ, it was paramount that the President embodied transparency and accountability. Another group of States encouraged early contact between the

President-elect and the Working Group in order to determine the areas that needed to be addressed by the Group, including through the next resolution on revitalization.

82. Many delegations looked forward to the forthcoming first informal interactive dialogue between the General Assembly and candidates for the post of President, including against the backdrop of efforts to enhance transparency and accountability. While one speaker underscored that, in accordance with resolution 33/138, any member of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States would be eligible in the forthcoming election, another emphasized that, during the previous 72 sessions of the Assembly, no Member State had held the presidency twice, which had ensured that all countries had had an equal opportunity to occupy the post once. The same delegation suggested that the modalities for the interactive dialogue, which was mandated by resolution 71/323, should also be delineated in a resolution of the Assembly.

83. Other matters raised in the debate included advancing the elections of the President to a point earlier in the session; changing the timing of the opening of sessions; circulating speakers lists for high-level meetings of the President before the meeting; discouraging negotiations after 6 p.m.; and establishing a mandate for the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

84. In closing, the Co-Chairs informed the Working Group about the next steps, which included the presentation of a zero draft of the resolution — based on the thematic meetings during the seventy-second session — to be followed by negotiations. The zero draft would be accompanied by a code of conduct for elections and a proposed pattern of rotation for the election of the Main Committee Chairs.

III. Conclusion

85. In accordance with its mandate, the Working Group endeavoured to identify key issues of concern and possible consensus, to examine the current status of implementation of those issues, and either to take action or to indicate possible further action to be taken.

86. Some Member States or groups of States made several proposals for the draft resolution that did not gain consensus and in this regard called for the continuation of discussions on the issues concerned at the subsequent session of the Working Group.

87. At its final meeting, held on 12 September 2018, the Working Group considered and adopted the present report, including the draft resolution contained in section IV below (see para. 89).

IV. Recommendation

88. On the basis of a draft resolution circulated by the Co-Chairs, the Working Group formulated the resolution set out below.

89. At its final meeting, on 12 September 2018, the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly concluded its work for the seventy-second session. The Working Group recommended that the Assembly adopt the following draft resolution:

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 71/323 of 8 September 2017 and all other previous resolutions relating to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly,[1]

Acknowledging that resolution 71/323 constitutes an important contribution to the strengthening of the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the General Assembly as established by the Charter of the United Nations,

Underlining the need to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the General Assembly,

Reiterating that the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly is a critical component of the overall reform of the United Nations,

Emphasizing the need to align the agenda of the General Assembly in full support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,[2]

Welcoming the calls to increase the efficiency of the work of the General Assembly through streamlining its agenda, including by elimination of duplication and overlap of agenda items,

Recognizing the role of the General Assembly in addressing issues of peace and security, in accordance with the Charter, and acknowledging its role and authority, established in Article 10 of the Charter, to make recommendations to the Members of the United Nations or to the Security Council or to both, on questions or matters within the scope of the Charter, except as provided in Article 12 thereof,

Stressing the role of the General Assembly in taking forward the major reforms of the Organization, including reforms proposed by the Secretary-General, as contained in resolutions 72/199 of 20 December 2017, 72/266 A of 24 December 2017 and 72/279 of 31 May 2018, adopted during its seventy-second session,

Reaffirming the central position of the General Assembly as the chief deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations, as well as the role of the Assembly in the process of standard-setting and the codification of international law,

Reaffirming also the authority and increasing role of the General Assembly in global matters of concern to the international community, including in global governance, as set out in the Charter,

Mindful of the need to provide all Permanent Missions, regardless of their size and capacities, with ample opportunity to participate in the work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees,

Mindful that we have yet to achieve full gender and geographical balance within the United Nations, while encouraging further intergovernmental efforts in this regard, and convinced of the need to guarantee equal opportunities for women and men from all regional groups in their access to senior decision-making positions, including to the post of Secretary-General, bearing in mind the need to secure the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity,

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[1] Resolutions 46/77, 47/233, 48/264, 51/241, 52/163, 55/14, 55/285, 56/509, 57/300, 57/301, 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286, 61/292, 62/276, 63/309, 64/301, 65/315, 66/294, 67/297, 68/307, 69/321 and 70/305.

[2] Resolution 70/1.

Welcoming, in this regard, the efforts of the Secretary-General in achieving gender parity at senior management level, in particular the initiation of the system-wide strategy on gender parity,

Recalling the conclusion of the process of selection and appointment of the ninth Secretary-General, which was characterized by an enhanced degree of transparency, accountability and inclusivity, in accordance with resolutions 69/321 of 11 September 2015 and 70/305 of 13 September 2016,

Recalling also the fact that women constituted more than half of all of the candidates for Secretary-General presented by Member States in accordance with resolution 69/321, and emphasizing the need to strive for gender balance in the selection of other executive heads,

Recalling further that the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General should be considered in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter, and taking into account all relevant General Assembly resolutions, and recalling the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General and the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity,

Affirming that the work of the President of the General Assembly and of the Office of the President of the General Assembly shall be guided by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly ar i the principles of universality, objectivity, non-selectivity, constructive international dialogue and cooperation,

Welcoming the efforts of the President of the General Assembly to reinvigorate the revitalization of the work of the Assembly during its seventy-second session,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly and the updated inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed thereto;[3]

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the multilingual web page devoted to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, accessible directly from the United Nations website, which exists in all six official languages, including an overview of major outcomes achieved under this agenda item, and invites the Secretariat to continue updating regularly and equally that web page and its substantive content in a cost-effective manner;

3. *Decides* to establish, at its seventy-third session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, open to all Member States:

(a) To identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on the progress achieved in past sessions as well as on previous resolutions, including evaluating the status of their implementation;

(b) To submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-third session;

4. *Also decides* that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall continue its review of the inventory of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted at the seventy-second session and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the report to be submitted at the seventy-third session of the Assembly, including the separate indication of relevant provisions that were not implemented, with reasons therefor;

[3] A/72/896.

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to submit an update on the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions on revitalization addressed to the Secretariat for implementation that have not been implemented, with an indication of the constraints and reasons behind any lack of implementation, for further consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session;

Role and authority of the General Assembly

6. *Reaffirms* the role and authority of the General Assembly, including on questions relating to international peace and security, in accordance with Articles 10 to 14 and 35 of the Charter of the United Nations, where appropriate, using the procedures set forth in rules 7 to 10 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, which enable swift and urgent action by the Assembly, bearing in mind that the Security Council has the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, in accordance with Article 24 of the Charter;

7. *Recognizes* that implementation of General Assembly resolutions, including those related to the revitalization of its work, enhances the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, and underlines the important role and responsibility of Member States in their full implementation;

8. *Reaffirms* that the relationship between the principal organs of the United Nations is mutually reinforcing and complementary, in accordance with and with full respect for their respective functions, authority, powers and competencies as enshrined in the Charter, and in this regard stresses the importance of further ensuring increased cooperation, coordination and the exchange of information among the Presidents of the principal organs and also with the Secretariat, in particular the Secretary-General;

9. *Recalls* the practice of holding periodic informal briefings by the Secretary-General on his priorities, travels and most recent activities, including his participation in international meetings and events organized outside the United Nations, and invites the Secretary-General to continue this practice;

10. *Welcomes* the holding of an interactive and comprehensive dialogue between the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat on 5 April 2018, as mandated in resolution 71/323, aimed at improving the work of the Secretariat in its interaction with the Permanent Missions, and requests the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group to continue to convene the interactive dialogue within the framework of the Ad Hoc Working Group, aimed at:

(a) Identifying issues in the interaction of the Secretariat with the Permanent Missions;

(b) Identifying solutions in better meeting the needs and requirements of the Permanent Missions regarding standard operating procedures used at United Nations Headquarters in New York;

11. *Reiterates* its decision to hold thematic dialogues periodically during the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group and to review this arrangement at the seventy-third session of the General Assembly;

12. *Invites* Member States to submit, through the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and prior to the holding of the interactive and comprehensive dialogue, specific issues on which action by the Secretariat might be needed, and requests the Secretariat to provide comprehensive answers within a reasonable

[4] A/72/736.

amount of time on the possible actions, and impediments, if any, to solve the issues raised;

13. *Welcomes*, in this regard, the active participation by the Secretariat during the seventy-second session, and in particular notes with appreciation the establishment of a "one stop shop" as a single entry point for requesting meetings services, while encouraging the Secretariat to make similar arrangements for other services provided;

14. *Recognizes* the value of holding interactive inclusive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community, and calls upon the President of the General Assembly to organize such debates in close consultation with the General Committee and the Member States, including with regard to the frequency and preliminary programme of such debates, in order to enable an adequate level of participation and an appropriate allocation of time for substantive interactive discussion during the debates so as to enable all interested delegations to state their positions and to facilitate, where appropriate, results-oriented and productive outcomes of such debates, and in this context welcomes the initiative of the President of the Assembly at its seventy-second session to select "Focusing on people: striving for peace and a decent life for all on a sustainable planet" as the theme of the general debate;

15. *Recommends*, in this regard, unless decided otherwise, that no other agenda items should be opened during the dates allocated for the general debate;

16. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to limit high-level meetings to current issues of critical importance to the international community, with the interest of the wider membership in mind and with a focus on the most vulnerable, while encouraging the allocation of events of a strictly sectoral or thematic nature to the six Main Committees;

17. *Commends* improvements in the quality of the annual report of the Security Council to the General Assembly, including as presented in the note by the President of the Security Council,[5] and welcomes the willingness of the Council to continue to consider other suggestions concerning improvements to the annual report;

18. *Requests* the Secretariat, including the Department of Public Information, while carrying out its activities, as mandated by the General Assembly, to continue its efforts to raise the visibility of the Assembly and to enhance world public and media awareness of the contribution made by the Assembly to the fulfilment of the goals of the Organization, as set out in the Charter;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General, under relevant agenda items, to bring to the attention of the Member States constraints that have prevented the Secretary-General from implementing those provisions of General Assembly resolutions that are addressed to the Secretariat;

Working methods

20. *Reaffirms* existing relevant mandates related to the improvement of the working methods of the Main Committees, including section C of the annex to resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004, paragraphs 7 to 13 of resolution 59/313 of 12 September 2005, cluster III of the annex to resolution 60/286 of 8 September 2006 and resolution 69/321, in particular paragraphs 16 and 17 thereof;

21. *Emphasizes* that the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly is interlinked with the strengthening the Main Committees;

[5] S/2017/507.

22. *Requests* each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods at the beginning of every session, and in this regard invites the Chairs of the Main Committees to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-third session on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving working methods, as appropriate;

23. *Requests* the continuation of the established practice of holding handover meetings of the outgoing and incoming bureaux to exchange views on outcomes and the upcoming agenda, and of presenting a report by the Chairs of the Main Committees to their successors on best practices and lessons learned;

24. *Requests* the President-elect of the General Assembly to continue with the practice of meeting informally with the incoming members of the General Committee before the beginning of the regular session in order to review the proposed programme of work of the Main Committees, with a view to increasing their efficiency, improving complementarity and avoiding overlap of meetings of the Main Committees to the extent possible, in order to allow for wider participation by Member States;

25. *Calls for* the continuation of the practice of periodical meetings between the six Chairs of the Main Committees during the session of the General Assembly to share best practices and increase the coherence and complementarity of the work of the Main Committees;

26. *Welcomes* efforts to afford elected members of the Security Council appropriate opportunities to prepare for their tenure, and also welcomes the note by the President of the Security Council in which the elected Council members are invited to observe some of its meetings and activities as from 1 October immediately preceding their term of membership;[5]

27. *Emphasizes* that the General Assembly and its Main Committees, at the seventy-third session, in consultation with Member States, should continue their consideration of and make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the Assembly, including through the introduction of a sunset clause, with the clear consent of the sponsoring State or States, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group;

28. *Recalls* the Guidelines on the Rationalization of the Agenda of the General Assembly, as adopted in its resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994;

29. *Also recalls* the need to enhance synergies and coherence and reduce overlap where it is found to exist in the agendas of the General Assembly, especially of its Second and Third Committees, the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, and the work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council and the Assembly, as well as all other related forums, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and in the light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,[2] and calls for the continuation of such efforts during the seventy-third session of the Assembly;

30. *Requests* the General Committee, while exercising its functions under rule 40 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to pay special attention to reduction of such overlap;

31. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-third session to identify proposals, through consultations with all Member States and the President of the Economic and Social Council, as well as through the convening of the General Committee, aimed at addressing gaps and duplication in the agenda of the Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into account the report on the strategic alignment of future sessions of the Assembly and other

relevant inputs, for the consideration of Member States during the seventy-third session of the Assembly;

32. *Encourages* Member States, in proposing and voting for candidates to subsidiary organs of the General Assembly, to seek to promote gender balance in all such bodies;

33. *Recalls* rules 153 and 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and encourages the Chairs of the Main Committees and the Secretary-General to ensure observance of these rules, within their respective mandates;

34. *Also recalls* rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and calls for strict adherence by each speaker to the time limits in the Assembly, where applicable, bearing in mind that all speakers shall get the same opportunity to deliver their statements within the allocated time limit, as set out in the rules of procedure of the Assembly;

35. *Reiterates its invitation* to the Chairs of meetings of the General Assembly and United Nations conferences, especially when there is very limited time available for debate, to consider recommending the "all protocol observed" principle, whereby participants are encouraged to refrain from listing standard protocol expressions during their statements;

36. *Requests* the Secretariat to ensure the availability through the eDelegate portal of provisional lists of speakers at United Nations meetings and conferences not later than by the end of the business day preceding the relevant meeting or conference;

37. *Recommends* that speakers should be mindful of the speed of statement delivery, bearing in mind the need for accuracy of interpretation;

38. *Urges* all presiding officers and Member States to strictly adhere to the scheduled starting time of meetings of the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies;

39. *Calls upon* all officers chairing or facilitating intergovernmental processes to seek to conduct informal negotiations during regular working hours, in order to allow for the active and constructive participation of all Permanent Missions in the work of the United Nations;

40. *Decides* to continue to consider ways to rationalize the number of side events held during the high-level segment of the general debate, bearing in mind the need to enhance its decorum and significance, and encourages the scheduling of side events at United Nations Headquarters outside of the hours when the general debate is being held;

41. *Takes note* of the possibility for Member States to publish their side events under a dedicated section of the digital version of the *Journal of the United Nations*;

42. *Decides* that, in addition to the general debate and the thematic meetings, the interactive and comprehensive dialogue between the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat held within the Ad Hoc Working Group, as outlined in paragraph 10 of resolution 71/323, shall be webcast;

43. *Recalls* its resolutions 1898 (XVIII) of 11 November 1963, 2837 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, 45/45 of 28 November 1990, 51/241 of 31 July 1997, 58/126 of 19 December 2003 and 58/316, and reiterates its call to the President of the General Assembly to continue to make full use of the General Committee throughout the session, with a view to reviewing the programme of work of the Assembly and its Main Committees, in line with rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly;

44. *Reiterates its invitation* to the President of the General Assembly and the Chairs of the Main Committees, in consultation with the General Committee and Member States, as well as to the Secretary-General, to enhance the coordination of the scheduling of the meetings of the Assembly, including high-level meetings and high-level thematic debates, with a view to optimizing their interactivity, effectiveness and distribution throughout the session, and to consider ways to decrease the number of high-level events held during the general debate;

45. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in order to enhance transparency, to continue to attach the list of speakers at high-level thematic debates organized by the President to the summary of those events;

46. *Encourages* the scheduling of future high-level meetings during the first half of the year, from within existing resources, taking into account the calendar of conferences and without prejudice to the current practice of convening one high-level meeting in September at the beginning of each session of the General Assembly;

47. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session a report on the possible alternative dates for the beginning of the regular session of the Assembly[6] and the financial and logistical implications thereof, as well as on potential benefits and shortcomings of various options, based on the premise that any such change will not have an effect on the beginning of the general debate in September;[7]

48. *Decides* to establish the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the forthcoming 10 sessions of the General Assembly, namely from the seventy-fourth to the eighty-third session, as contained in the annex to the present resolution;

49. *Also decides* to prepare arrangements concerning the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the following sessions no later than at its eighty-second session;

50. *Continues to encourage* Member States to seek gender balance in the distribution of the Chairs and bureau members of the Main Committees as well as the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, where applicable;

51. *Decides* to continue to consider, within the Ad Hoc Working Group, the potential concept and scope of guidelines how to conduct the election campaigns by Member States, with a view to improving the standards of transparency and equity;

52. *Welcomes* the efficient implementation of paragraphs 47 and 48 of resolution 71/323 relating to the conduct of elections in the General Assembly and the Main Committees;

53. *Notes* the practice implemented during the secret vote-counting procedure, whereby no use of mobile phones or other electronic communication devices is permitted in the room where counting is being conducted, thus ensuring the confidentiality of elections and the integrity of secret ballots, and requests the continuation of this practice;

54. *Encourages* Member States to make, to the extent possible, full use of e-services provided by the Secretariat, in order to save costs and reduce the environmental impact and improve the distribution of documents, and in this regard requests the Secretariat to further improve, harmonize and, where appropriate, unify

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[6] As contained in rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

[7] The general debate shall begin on the Tuesday of the fourth week in September, counting from the first week that contains at least one working day, and shall be held without interruption over a period of nine working days.

such services, under eDelegate, including the continuation of the practice of making available all official correspondence of the United Nations addressed to the Member States;

55. *Takes note* of the introduction of real-time updates with respect to the cancellation and postponement of meetings, and requests the continuation of this practice with further improvements, in particular with the introduction of the possibility of subscribing to relevant agenda items with automatic notifications to subscribers on their status;

56. *Emphasizes* that multilingualism remains a core value of the Organization, and reaffirms the need to achieve full parity among the six official languages in the United Nations, including on official websites;

57. *Welcomes* the publishing of electronic live versions of the Blue Book, the White Pages and the Yellow Pages;

58. *Takes note with appreciation* of the changes to the format, production and editing of the *Journal of the United Nations*, and requests the Secretariat to continue the improvement of the *Journal* in accordance with requirements provided in paragraph 51 of resolution 71/323 and to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session on the outcomes of that improvement;

59. *Affirms* the principle that the *Journal* shall provide an overview of all meetings taking place at the United Nations, and requests that meetings be listed under the established categories in contiguous order and that all meetings organized by States be included, provided that information has been submitted to the *Journal* unit in due time, and clarifies that the existence of web pages for sessions of bodies should not preclude the announcement of side events;

60. *Calls upon* all relevant intergovernmental bodies to continue to review the need for and content of the *Journal* summaries of their meetings and other announcements, and to take the steps necessary with a view to ensuring a more streamlined format for the *Journal of the United Nations*;

61. *Reiterates* the need to produce the *Journal* in all six official languages in strict compliance with rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

62. *Emphasizes* the importance of the extension of the information in the *Journal of the United Nations* published in the six official languages, reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group, on a yearly basis, on the progress achieved in this regard, and requests the Secretariat to continue to explore cost-neutral options to that effect;

63. *Takes note* of the concerns raised by multiple Member States regarding the prohibitive cost of the use of the Delegates' Dining Room and other venues at the United Nations by delegations for holding diplomatic events, and requests the Secretary-General to provide, during the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, innovative proposals on solutions for the existing situation, including the possibility of introducing certain elements in future contracts with the vendor;

64. *Requests* the Secretariat to provide, in an electronic version only, a list containing the names of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly and officers of the Main Committees, as well as members of the Security Council, members of the Economic and Social Council and Member States and observers of the United Nations;

Selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads

65. *Encourages* future Presidents of the General Assembly to actively contribute to the implementation of provisions guiding the selection and appointment of the ninth Secretary-General, as contained in all relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions 69/321 and 70/305;

66. *Reiterates* that the process of selecting and appointing the Secretary-General differs from the process used with regard to the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system, given the roles of the Security Council and the General Assembly in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter, and emphasizes in particular that the process of selection of the Secretary-General is guided by the principles of transparency and inclusiveness, building on the best practices and the participation of all Member States;

67. *Stresses*, in particular, the need to ensure the appointment of the best possible candidate for the post of Secretary-General, who embodies the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and who demonstrates a firm commitment to the purposes and principles of the United Nations, proven leadership and managerial abilities, extensive experience in international relations and strong diplomatic, communication and multilingual skills;

68. *Also stresses* that, in the course of the identification and appointment of the best candidate for the post of Secretary-General, due regard shall continue to be given to regional rotation and to gender balance;

69. *Reaffirms its commitment* to continue, in the Ad Hoc Working Group, in accordance with the provisions of Article 97 of the Charter, its thorough consideration of the issues under the third thematic cluster of the Working Group, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, including the examination of innovative ways to improve the process of selecting and appointing the Secretary-General and other executive heads in all its aspects, and recalls all relevant resolutions, including resolutions 11 (I) of 24 January 1946, 46/77 of 12 December 1991, 47/233 of 17 August 1993, 48/264, 51/241, 52/163 of 15 December 1997, 55/14 of 3 November 2000, 55/285 of 7 September 2001, 56/509 of 8 July 2002, 57/300 of 20 December 2002, 57/301 of 13 March 2003, 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286, 61/292 of 2 August 2007, 62/276 of 15 September 2008, 63/309 of 14 September 2009, 64/301 of 13 September 2010, 65/315 of 12 September 2011, 66/294 of 17 September 2012, 67/297 of 29 August 2013, 68/307 of 10 September 2014, 69/321, 70/305 and 71/323, reaffirming the applicable procedures set out in the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in particular rule 141, and acknowledging existing relevant practices of the Assembly;

70. *Calls upon* the President of the General Assembly to monitor and review the implementation by the Assembly of these resolutions;

71. *Recalls* that informal dialogues and meetings with candidates for the post of Secretary-General, as provided for in paragraph 42 of its resolution 69/321, are an important part of the selection and appointment process, and encourages the President of the General Assembly to further improve, in close consultation with Member States, the modalities of these dialogues in order to increase their efficiency and interactivity with Member States;

72. *Recognizes* the possibility of providing the process of selection and appointment of the Secretary-General with notional timelines based on its resolution 69/321 and other relevant resolutions;

73. *Welcomes* the collaboration between the General Assembly and the Security Council in launching the process and circulating information on the

nominated candidates during the most recent selection of the Secretary-General, and encourages improvement in the interaction between the Council and the Assembly in all stages of the process to further enhance transparency;

74. *Decides* to review the oath of office of the Secretary-General during its seventy-third session;

75. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the Secretary-General towards achieving equal and fair distribution in terms of the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, while securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, in accordance with Article 101 of the Charter and its resolutions 46/232 of 2 March 1992, 51/241, and 71/263 of 23 December 2016, commends in particular the fact that gender parity was achieved in the Senior Management Group, and requests that further effective measures be taken in this regard;

76. *Takes note* of the call by the Secretariat to all Member States encouraging the nomination of candidates to supplement the Secretary-General's search to ensure a wide pool of candidates for positions at the senior level;

77. *Recalls* its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, in particular paragraph 2 thereof, in which it notes that the Secretary-General will appoint the Deputy Secretary-General following consultations with Member States, stresses that the process of appointments to senior posts by the Secretary-General within the Organization should be inclusive and transparent, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and as set out in the Charter, and in this context calls upon the Secretary-General to announce such vacancies well in advance;

78. *Stresses* the need to ensure equal and fair distribution based on gender balance and as wide a geographical basis as possible, and in this regard recalls its resolutions 46/232 and 51/241, adopted without a vote, which contain the principles that the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity are the paramount considerations in the recruitment and performance of international civil servants and that, as a general rule, there should be no monopoly on senior posts in the United Nations system by nationals of any State or group of States;

79. *Reiterates its request* that the Secretary-General continue his ongoing efforts to ensure the attainment of equitable geographical distribution and gender balance in the Secretariat, while recalling its resolution 71/263, in particular the paragraphs thereof related to equitable geographical distribution and gender balance;

80. *Requests* the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat to continue with the practice of providing a briefing to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the gender balance and regional origin of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, and takes note of the practice of distributing said briefing to the Member States;

81. *Invites* the specialized agencies, funds and programmes to maintain updated information regarding the past and present executive heads on their official websites in order to strengthen transparency, as well as accessibility of the historical record;

82. *Requests* the Secretariat to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session on the issue of candidacies of senior United Nations officials currently holding office, in order to enhance transparency and equity of the appointment process;

Strengthening the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly

83. *Commends* the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session for strengthening the transparency and inclusivity of his Office, including through continuing the practices outlined in paragraph 66 of resolution 71/323, and for voluntarily presenting the summary of his personal financial disclosure, and requests future Presidents of the Assembly to follow these good practices;

84. *Notes with appreciation* the views expressed by the Office of the President of the General Assembly to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the strengthening of the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President and its relationship with the Secretariat and the measures already taken in this regard, while continuing to explore additional measures where feasible, and notes the support provided by the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of the Secretariat to the Office of the President;

85. *Encourages* the President of the General Assembly to continue the practice of periodically briefing Member States on his or her activities, including official travel;

86. *Commends* the initiative of convening a retreat on the strengthening of the General Assembly, which brings together the incoming and outgoing presidencies of each session of the Assembly;

87. *Stresses* the importance of continuing with the practice of providing a handover report from the President of the General Assembly to their successors and all Member States, as well as of further efforts to improve archiving and record-keeping by the Office of the President of the General Assembly;

88. *Strongly welcomes* the organization of informal dialogues with candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, as well as the circulation of vision statements, as outlined in paragraph 73 of resolution 71/323;

89. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Working Group to establish, in close consultation with the President of the General Assembly, the guidelines for the informal interactive dialogue with candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, including the question of participants, duration and format;

90. *Highly commends* the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session for introducing the morning dialogues, envisaged as informal discussions among Permanent Representatives on the substantive and practical aspects of work of the Assembly, and strongly encourages the continuation of the valuable practice of regular meetings between the President and the Permanent Representatives;

91. *Invites* the Presidents of the General Assembly to maintain the practice of holding monthly meetings with the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council in order to ensure cooperation, coordination and exchange of information on cross-cutting issues related to the work of the Organization;

92. *Expresses deep satisfaction* that at the seventy-third session, and for the fourth time in its history, the General Assembly will have a female President, in this regard invites Member States to consider presenting women as candidates for the position of future Presidents of the General Assembly, and encourages Presidents-elect to continue to ensure respect for balanced gender and geographical representation in the Office of the President of the General Assembly, both in terms

of numbers and level of responsibility, without prejudice to professional qualifications of potential candidates;

93. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session of the General Assembly on the sources of funding and staffing of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, including on any technical, logistical, protocol-related or financial questions, and for more clarification on the budgetary basis for the provision of such support by the Secretariat;

94. *Recalls* its request to the Secretary-General and its invitation to the heads of specialized agencies, funds and programmes, upon request by the President of the General Assembly, to consider seconding staff to work in the Office of the President of the General Assembly on a more systematic basis;

95. *Notes* that the activities of the President of the General Assembly have increased markedly in recent years, recalls provisions regarding support for the Office of the President of the General Assembly in previous resolutions, and expresses continued interest in seeking ways to further support the Office, in accordance with existing procedures, in particular rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, as well as to continue discussions within the Ad Hoc Working Group on further steps to strengthen the Office;

96. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2020, proposals to review the budget allocation of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, in accordance with existing procedures, including rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, and taking into account the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the issue, and in this connection looks forward to considering such proposals during the main part of its seventy-fourth session;

97. *Takes note* of the practice of making non-staff programme budget resources available to Presidents of the General Assembly from the date of their election;

98. *Stresses* the importance of the contributions of Member States to the trust fund in support of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, and in this regard notes with appreciation the contributions that have been made to the fund, and encourages Member States to continue to contribute to the fund and to allow for unspent contributions from previous sessions to be made available for succeeding terms;

99. *Welcomes* the continuation of the practice of vetting all contributions from sources other than Member States through the Ethics Office, and urges adherence to this practice;

100. *Reiterates its call for* non-in-kind contributions to be channelled through the trust fund, and welcomes steps taken in this regard by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session;

101. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in cooperation with the Secretariat, to report to the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session of the Assembly on the implementation of all mandates accorded to her under the present resolution and previous relevant resolutions.

Annex

Pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly

Session	*First Committee*	*Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*	*Second Committee*	*Third Committee*	*Fifth Committee*	*Sixth Committee*
Seventy-fourth	Latin American and Caribbean States	Asia-Pacific States	African States	Western European and other States	Asia-Pacific States	Eastern European States
Seventy-fifth	Western European and other States	African States	Asia-Pacific States	Eastern European States	Latin American and Caribbean States	Latin American and Caribbean States
Seventy-sixth	African States	Latin American and Caribbean States	Western European and other States	African States	Eastern European States	Asia-Pacific States
Seventy-seventh	Asia-Pacific States	Asia-Pacific States	Eastern European States	Latin American and Caribbean States	Western European and other States	African States
Seventy-eighth	Eastern European States	African States	Latin American and Caribbean States	Western European and other States	African States	Asia-Pacific States
Seventy-ninth	Latin American and Caribbean States	Eastern European States	Asia-Pacific States	African States	Latin American and Caribbean States	Western European and other States
Eightieth	Western European and other States	Latin American and Caribbean States	African States	Asia-Pacific States	Eastern European States	Asia-Pacific States
Eighty-first	Asia-Pacific States	African States	Eastern European States	Western European and other States	African States	Latin American and Caribbean States
Eighty-second	Eastern European States	Asia-Pacific States	Asia-Pacific States	Latin American and Caribbean States	Western European and other States	African States
Eighty-third	African States	Latin American and Caribbean States	Latin American and Caribbean States	Eastern European States	Asia-Pacific States	Western European and other States

Annex

Updated inventory chart of General Assembly resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, issued pursuant to resolution 71/323

Explanatory note by the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (seventy-second session)

1. In accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 71/323, in which the Assembly decided that the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly should continue its review of the inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted to the Assembly at its seventy-first session (A/71/1007) and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-second session, the Co-Chairs, assisted by the Secretariat, have prepared the updated inventory chart for consideration by Member States.

2. The present inventory chart has been updated to reflect the progress achieved since the adoption of resolution 71/323.

3. The Co-Chairs, assisted by the Secretariat, obtained updated information, where possible, from relevant entities responsible for implementation.

4. The updated inventory chart retains the following two-part structure, which was also utilized in the report submitted at the seventy-first session:

(a) The first part contains unimplemented provisions, in order to focus on their follow-up;

(b) The second part contains implemented provisions, both those that required one-time action and those to be implemented on an ongoing basis, in order to keep track of previous achievements and provide the means to compare with and learn from past experience.

5. The inventory chart does not have a definite character and may be amended at any time by Member States through the Ad Hoc Working Group. Furthermore, it is not intended to, and does not, have any legal effect. It should serve only as a tool to facilitate discussions on the follow-up to the implementation of the previous related resolutions.

Part I
Provisions requiring follow-up

Cluster I: role and authority of the General Assembly

No.	*Resolution*	*Text of provision*	*Implementing entity*	*Comments*
C. Provisions related to the annual report of the Security Council (see also part II)				
1.	60/286, annex, para. 7 *Also in*: 59/313, para. 2 (d); and 58/126, annex, para. 2	Invites the Security Council to submit periodically, in accordance with Articles 15 and 24 of the Charter, special subject-oriented reports to the General Assembly for its consideration on issues of current international concern.	Member States (Security Council)	Since the adoption of resolution 60/286 no special subject-oriented reports have been formally submitted to the General Assembly. The special subjects, however, are to some extent covered by the monthly assessments by the President of the Security Council.

Cluster II: working methods

No.	*Resolution*	*Text of the provision*	*Implementing entity*	*Comments*
A. General provisions related to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (see also part II)				
2.	71/323, para. 55	Requests the Secretary-General to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group, on a yearly basis, on the progress achieved on the gradual extension, in a cost-neutral manner, of the information in the *Journal of the United Nations* published in the six official languages.	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	By resolution 71/323, the Assembly decided that during the calendar year 2018, official meetings of the day, forthcoming official meetings and summaries of official meetings shall be published in the *Journal* in all six official languages; and all other meetings and information shall be published in the languages currently used from January to August. Accordingly, any pertinent information will be reported to the Ad Hoc Working Group in 2019.
F. Provisions related to documentation: resolutions (see also part II)				
3.	60/286, annex, para. 23 *Also in*: 58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 5	Encourages Member States to submit draft resolutions in a more concise, focused and action-oriented form.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States, bearing in mind the sovereign right of Member States to submit proposals in the context of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Cluster III: selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads (see part II)

Cluster IV: strengthening the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly (see part II)

Part II
Provisions that have been implemented or are being implemented on an ongoing basis

Cluster I: role and authority of the General Assembly

No.	*Resolution*	*Text of provision*	*Implementing entity*	*Comments*
A. General provisions related to the role and authority of the General Assembly				
4.	71/323, para. 6 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 6; 69/321, para. 6; 68/307, para. 6; 66/294, para. 4; 65/315, para. 4; 64/301, para. 4; 60/286, annex I, para. 1; and 59/313, para. 2 (b)	Reaffirms the role and authority of the General Assembly, including on questions relating to international peace and security, in accordance with Articles 10 to 14 and 35 of the Charter of the United Nations, where appropriate, using the procedures set forth in rules 7 to 10 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, which enable swift and urgent action by the Assembly, bearing in mind that the Security Council has primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security in accordance with Article 24 of the Charter.	Member States	Ongoing provision. The General Assembly has a number of items on its agenda that fall under the heading "maintenance of international peace and security". Since this provision was first adopted, the tenth emergency special session held its 30th and 31st plenary meetings on 15 December 2006; its 32nd to 36th plenary meetings on 15 and 16 January 2009; its 37th plenary meeting on 21 December 2017; and its 38th plenary meeting on 13 June 2018.
5.	71/323, para. 10 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 10; and 69/321, para. 10	Welcomes the establishment of an interactive and comprehensive dialogue between the permanent missions and the Secretariat, as mandated in resolution 70/305, aimed at improving the work of the Secretariat in its interaction with the permanent missions, and requests the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group to continue to convene the interactive dialogue within the framework of the Ad Hoc Working Group, aimed at:	Ad Hoc Working Group	On 15 March 2016, the President of the General Assembly convened an informal meeting to consider ways and means to further enhance the cooperation between permanent missions and the Secretariat, which included briefings from senior managers. A summary of the meeting was transmitted to the Secretary-General and all Member States. At the first thematic meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-first session, on 15 March 2017, senior Secretariat officials briefed the membership on the follow-

No.	*Resolution*	*Text of provision*	*Implementing entity*	*Comments*
		(a) identifying issues in the interaction of the Secretariat with the permanent missions; and (b) identifying solutions in better meeting the needs and requirements of the permanent missions regarding standard operating procedures used at United Nations Headquarters.		up actions taken by the Secretariat pursuant to the informal meeting of the General Assembly of 15 March 2016. The meeting included an interactive question-and-answer segment to provide an opportunity for dialogue. In response to the call for a continuation of the interactive dialogue, on 15 May 2017 the Co-Chairs convened a separate informal meeting dedicated to the interaction between permanent missions and the Secretariat. Subsequently, the membership was informed of the establishment of a focal point in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management as the contact person for Member States to express their concerns and/or address any other queries they might have. During the seventh-second session, on 5 April 2018, the Working Group convened an interactive dialogue between permanent missions and the Secretariat. A summary of the dialogue was circulated by the President of the General Assembly to all Member States.
6.	71/323, para. 11	Decides that thematic dialogues shall be held periodically during the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and also decides to review this arrangement at the seventy-third session of the General Assembly	Ad Hoc Working Group	Ongoing provision, subject to review by the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session.
7.	71/323, para. 12	Requests the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group to circulate to Member States and the Secretariat the issues raised during the official meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group in order to receive written feedback from the Secretariat on concerns raised by the permanent missions, and also requests the Co-Chairs to circulate a	Ad Hoc Working Group	Ongoing provision.

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		written summary of the interactive and comprehensive dialogues		
8.	71/323, para. 13	Welcomes, in this regard, the active participation by the Secretariat during the seventy-first session, and in particular: (a) notes with appreciation the creation of a focal point in the Department of Management with the objective of facilitating the interaction between permanent missions and the Secretariat; and (b) calls for swift implementation of the "one-stop-shop" arrangement within the Secretariat to provide a single entry point for requesting meetings services, with a self-service interface that will enhance coordination among service providers at United Nations Headquarters in New York, while encouraging the Secretariat to make similar arrangements for other services provided.	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	A focal point has been designated in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management with the objective of facilitating interaction between permanent missions and the Secretariat. The focal point serves as the contact person for Member States to express their concerns and/or address any queries they may have. In a note verbale dated 19 March 2018 addressed to all the permanent missions, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management announced the official launch of gMeets, also known as the "one-stop-shop" portal, which is a single-entry point to submit requests for meeting services at Headquarters through an easy-to-use self-service web interface. The "one-stop-shop" application permits clients to select from a range of meeting services, including conference room allocation; interpretation; nameplate, podium sign and room set-up; publishing material in the *Journal of the United Nations*; audiovisual services; webcast services; and access and security-related services and loaning of technological equipment. Background information and cost estimates are readily made available to facilitate informed decisions by requesters.
B. Provisions related to the election of the President of the General Assembly and members of the General Committee (see also part I)				
9.	71/323, para. 43 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 30; 69/321, para. 29; 68/307, para. 22; and 67/297, para. 22	Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group to prepare long-term arrangements concerning the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly with the aim of establishing a predictable, transparent and fair mechanism, in consultation with regional	Ad Hoc Working Group, regional groups	At its seventy-second session, the Ad Hoc Working Group decided to establish a pattern of rotation for the Chairs of the Main Committees from the seventy-fourth to the eighty-third sessions, as contained in the annex to the resolution adopted by the Working Group.

No.	*Resolution*	*Text of provision*	*Implementing entity*	*Comments*
		groups, and that it submit them to the Assembly no later than at the seventy-second session, and in this regard invites Member States to present proposals and begin at an early stage to devote attention to the matter of concluding a future arrangement, which would come into effect at the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly, with the annex to resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014 containing the guidelines on the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees to be considered in this context.		
10.	71/323, para. 44	Encourages Member States to seek gender balance in the distribution of the Chairs and bureau members of the Main Committees as well as the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, where applicable.	Member States	Ongoing provision.
11.	70/305, para. 31 *Also in*: 69/321, para. 30	Encourages Members States to seek gender balance in the distribution of Chairs of the Main Committees and in the position of the President of the General Assembly.	Member States	Ongoing provision.
12.	68/307, para. 21	Decides to reiterate the interim arrangement adopted in General Assembly decision 68/505 of 1 October 2013 recommending the pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the forthcoming five sessions, namely from the sixty-ninth to seventy-third sessions, as well as the guidelines on the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees contained in the annex to the present resolution.	General Assembly, regional groups	Implemented on an ongoing basis. In its decision 68/505, taken at its 24th plenary meeting on 1 October 2013, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided to approve an interim arrangement concerning the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees for the forthcoming five sessions of the Assembly. The elections for the Chairs of the Main Committees for the sixty-ninth to seventy-second sessions were conducted in accordance with this decision. Concerning the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the

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				General Assembly furthermore adopted decision 69/524 of 5 December 2014, entitled "Rotation of the post of Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the seventieth to seventy-third sessions of the General Assembly".
13.	58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 9	In accordance with paragraph 2 (a) and (c) of resolution 56/509, the General Assembly elects the President of the Assembly, the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, and the Chairs of the Main Committees at least three months before the opening of the session in which they will serve. In order to foster better advance planning and preparation of the work of the Main Committees, the full bureaux of the Main Committees shall similarly be elected three months in advance of the next session.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Provision implemented as from the fifty-eighth session. This provision as well as rules 30 and 99 (a) apply to the election of the President of the General Assembly and the Vice-Presidents.
C. Provisions related to the annual report of the Security Council (see also part I)				
14.	69/321, para. 13 *Also in*: 68/307, para. 11; 67/297, para. 10; 66/294, para. 11; 65/315, para. 10; 64/301, para. 9; 60/286, annex, para. 4; and 58/126, annex, para. 3	Takes note of the letter dated 4 December 2014 from the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session addressed to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers expressing a variety of views of Member States on the content and quality of the annual report of the Security Council to the Assembly, and encourages continuing efforts to ensure the inclusion in the report of more substantive information on the work of the Council, as appropriate.	Security Council	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The report of the Security Council is being improved in a gradual manner. See the note by the President of the Security Council contained in document S/2015/944. Further to the measures contained in the notes by the President of the Security Council of 26 July 2010 (S/2010/507) and 5 June 2012 (S/2012/402), presidents may consider organizing interactive informal exchanges of views with the wider membership prior to the adoption of the report. In the 1990s the report was changed to reflect changes in the working methods of the Security Council. Since 2000, further changes have been introduced; inter alia, the introductory part has been added. Since then, the

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				Security Council has focused more on the introduction to the report. In 2006, information on special political missions was added to the report.
15.	60/286, annex, para. 5 *Also in*: 58/126, annex, para. 4; and 51/241, annex, para. 12	In carrying out the assessment of the debate on the annual report of the Security Council called for in paragraph 12 of the annex to resolution 51/241, the President shall inform the General Assembly of his decision regarding the need for further consideration of the report of the Council, including in respect of the convening of informal consultations, on the need for, and content of, any action by the Assembly based on the debate, as well as on any matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.	President of the General Assembly	Implemented on an ongoing basis. The President of the General Assembly provides opening remarks and a closing assessment of the debate. At the sixty-ninth session, the President of the General Assembly, subsequent to the debate, transmitted to Member States a list of proposals concerning the analytical nature, the presentation of the report and practices, expressed during the debate. See also the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2015/944), which, inter alia, stated that the report to be presented to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session would cover the period from 1 August 2015 to 31 December 2016. Thereafter, the period of coverage for all future reports would be from 1 January to 31 December.
16.	60/286, annex, para. 6 *Also in*: 59/313, para. 2 (e)	Invites the Security Council to update the General Assembly on a regular basis on the steps it has taken or is contemplating with respect to improving its reporting to the Assembly.	Member States, Security Council	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Information on the steps taken by the Security Council is provided during the meetings with the President of the General Assembly, as well as included in the monthly assessments by the Presidents of the Security Council. See also the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2015/944).
17.	59/313, para. 2 (c) *Also in*: 59/313, para. 2 (f)	To consider the annual reports as well as special reports of the Security Council, in accordance with Article 15, paragraph 1, and Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter, through substantive and interactive debates.	General Assembly	See above.

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18.	51/241, annex, para. 11	The agenda item entitled "Report of the Security Council" shall continue to be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly.	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
19.	51/241, annex, para. 14	The monthly forecast of the programme of work of the Security Council shall be circulated for the information of members of the General Assembly.	Security Council	Implemented on an ongoing basis. Member States are provided with the monthly forecast of the programme of work of the Security Council in hard copies. The programme of work is also uploaded on the website of the Security Council.
20.	51/241, annex, para. 13	The agenda item shall not be closed but shall remain open to enable further discussion as necessary during the year, bearing in mind, inter alia, the submission of additional reports as and when necessary.	Member States (General Assembly)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Since the sixty-second session, the agenda item has remained open at every session.
D. Provisions related to the annual report of the Economic and Social Council				
21.	60/286, annex, para. 8 *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 15	Invites the Economic and Social Council to continue to prepare its report to the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 50/227, striving to make it more concise and action-oriented by highlighting the critical areas requiring action by the Assembly and, as appropriate, by making specific recommendations for consideration by the Member States.	Member States (Economic and Social Council)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
E. Provisions related to the annual report of the International Court of Justice				
22.	51/241, annex, para. 16	The report of the International Court of Justice shall continue to be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly. The Assembly shall continue to support the role of the International Court of Justice as the principal judicial organ of the Organization, in accordance	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Since the fifty-second session, the report has continued to be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly.

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		with the Charter of the United Nations. The Assembly shall also continue to encourage the progressive development and codification of international law.		
F. Provisions related to public relations activities				
23.	71/323, para. 2 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 2; 69/324, para. 2; 68/307, para. 2; and 67/297, para. 16	Takes note with appreciation of the multilingual web page devoted to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, accessible directly from the United Nations website, which exists in all six official languages, and invites the Secretariat to continue updating regularly and equally that web page and its substantive content in a cost-effective manner.	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, Department of Public Information	Implemented. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management periodically provides updated content, in all six official languages, to the Department of Public Information for uploading to the United Nations website.
24.	71/323, para. 18 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 14; 69/324, para. 14; and 68/307, para. 12	Invites the Secretariat, including the Department of Public Information, while carrying out its activities, as mandated by the General Assembly, to continue its efforts to raise the visibility of the Assembly and to enhance world public and media awareness of the contribution made by the Assembly to the fulfilment of the goals of the Organization, as set out in the Charter.	Secretariat, Department of Public Information	The Department of Public Information provides extensive coverage of the work of the General Assembly, its Committees and all major subsidiary bodies through print, online, audio, photo and video news media and social media platforms, in the six official languages, as well as Kiswahili and Portuguese.
25.	67/297, para. 11 *Also in*: 66/295, para. 22; 65/315, para. 18; 64/302, para. 20; 63/309, para. 8; 60/286, annex, para. 34; and 58/126, annex, para. 5	Encourages the Secretariat, including the Department of Public Information, to continue its efforts to raise the visibility of the General Assembly and to enhance world public and media awareness of its work, and in this regard recalls paragraph 10 of its resolution 67/124 B of 18 December 2012, in which it noted the efforts of the Department to continue to publicize the work and decisions of the General Assembly and	Secretariat, Department of Public Information	The Department of Public Information provides comprehensive press releases, in English and French, of all meetings of the Assembly, its Main Committees and its subsidiary bodies, which are also included in the daily media alert, and statements made by Member States are made available in print and online form to the press. The annual press kit on the incoming President of the General Assembly is produced in digital format in the six official languages, as well as a number of non-official languages.

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		requested the Department to continue to enhance its working relationship with the Office of the President of the General Assembly.		
		Requests the Department of Public Information to continue to enhance its working relationship with the Office of the President of the General Assembly, and stresses the importance of further enhancing public and media awareness of the work and decisions of the Assembly, including through their timely issuance and distribution in all official languages.		United Nations Video provides gavel-to-gavel live feeds to broadcasters worldwide of the meetings of the General Assembly, as well as related press conferences. This coverage is made available on the United Nations webcast platform. Through its weekly briefing programme for the non-governmental community, the Department spotlights issues that are before the General Assembly. The global network of 59 United Nations Information Centres provides communications support to the President of the General Assembly during his/her official missions to the countries in which they operate. The centres also carry out public information activities to enhance awareness of the General Assembly's work. A staff member at the Professional level is regularly seconded by the Department to provide communications support for the President of the General Assembly. In addition, the Committee on Information continues to consider ways and means to enhance the visibility of the work of the General Assembly, including through the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group.
26.	66/294, para. 14 *Also in*: 60/286, annex, para. 15	Urges the Secretariat to continue its efforts to raise the visibility of the General Assembly, reaffirms paragraph 15 of resolution 60/286, and decides that the announcements about the work of the principal organs of the United Nations should appear in the *Journal of the*	Secretariat	Implemented on an ongoing basis. Pursuant to resolutions 60/286 and 66/294 the items in the *Journal of the United Nations* have been rearranged, including with announcements about the work of the principal organs of the United Nations appearing in the order stipulated in Article 7 of the Charter. In an effort to raise the visibility of the General Assembly,

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		United Nations in the order stipulated in Article 7 of the Charter.		the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management periodically briefs the media on the programme of work of the General Assembly. See also the activities of the Department of Public Information above.
27.	60/286, annex, para. 16	Encourages the Presidents of the General Assembly to increase their public visibility, including through enhanced contacts with representatives of the media and civil society, thus promoting the activities of the Assembly, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue the practice of providing to the Office of the President of the Assembly a Spokesperson for the President of the Assembly and an assistant to the Spokesperson.	President of the General Assembly, Secretary-General	Ongoing provision. Since the sixtieth session, for example, the Presidents of the General Assembly, together with the Chairs of the Main Committees, have periodically briefed representatives of civil society on the programme of work of the Assembly at its current session (see also A/61/483, p. 20, and A/62/608, p. 15). Presidents of the General Assembly have also regularly convened press conferences for the purpose of briefing the media. A staff member at the Professional level is regularly seconded by the Department of Public Information to serve as the Spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly, in addition to providing support to the President and his Office by a number of other means.
G. Provisions related to the General Assembly cooperation with civil society and others				
28.	71/323, para. 14 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 11; 69/321, para. 11; 68/307, para. 9; and 60/286, annex, para. 12	Reaffirms the importance and benefit of continuing interaction between the General Assembly and international or regional forums and organizations dealing with global matters of concern to the international community, as well as with civil society, where appropriate, and encourages the exploration of appropriate actions or measures, while fully respecting the intergovernmental nature of the Assembly, in conformity with its relevant rules of procedure.	General Assembly	Ongoing provision. For example, informal interactive hearings with civil society take place within the framework of the preparations for high-level meetings of the General Assembly, in accordance with the respectively applicable resolutions on modalities. The General Assembly also periodically hears briefings by the current Chair of the Group of 20 on its recent activities. Since the sixtieth session, the Presidents of the General Assembly, together with the Chairs of the Main Committees, have periodically briefed representatives of civil society on the programme of work of the Assembly at its current session (A/61/483, p. 20, and A/62/608, p. 15). Such interaction is also

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				provided for through the interactive thematic debates convened by the President of the General Assembly at every session.
29.	60/286, annex, para. 13	Encourages, where appropriate, continued cooperation between the General Assembly and national and regional parliaments, particularly through the Inter-Parliamentary Union.	General Assembly	Provision has been implemented on an ongoing basis. Numerous meetings have been held between the President of the General Assembly and visiting parliamentarians. The Inter-Parliamentary Union also participates as an observer in the General Assembly.
H. Provisions related to the organization of work				
30.	71/323, para. 45	Decides that, during the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, the Ad Hoc Working Group shall start to consider the potential concept and scope of a code of conduct to guide the conduct of election campaigns by Member States, with a view to improving the standards of transparency, accountability and equity.	Ad Hoc Working Group	At its seventy-second session, the Ad Hoc Working Group decided to continue to consider, within the Working Group, the potential concept and scope of guidelines on how to conduct the election campaigns by Member States, with a view to improving the standards of transparency and equity.
31.	55/285, annex, para. 19 *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 28	In order to implement fully paragraph 28 of the annex to resolution 51/241, the President of the General Assembly is encouraged to make greater use of facilitators, where appropriate.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
32.	51/241, annex, para. 27	The General Assembly is the highest political body with universal membership of the Organization. Consideration of agenda items directly in plenary meetings shall be reserved for urgent issues or issues of major political importance, bearing in mind paragraphs 1 and 2 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 48/264.	General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

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33.	51/241, annex, para. 28	The President of the General Assembly, with a view to ensuring that there is a systematic and transparent process for participation by delegations in discussions on action to be taken on items considered directly in plenary meetings, shall assess the debate in plenary meetings.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Usually, the President of the General Assembly provides his assessment of the debates in plenary meetings whenever items considered are of particular importance or special interest to Member States.
34.	51/241, annex, para. 29	The Secretariat shall ensure, in consultation with the President, that priority is accorded to the availability of a meeting room and services to facilitate these consultations.	Secretary-General	Provision is being implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat.
I. Provisions related to interactive/thematic debates				
35.	71/323, para. 15 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 12; 69/321, para. 12; 68/307, para. 10; 67/297, para. 7; 66/294, para. 7; 65/315, para. 6; 64/301, para. 5; 60/286, annex, para. 3; 59/313, para. 3 (a); 58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 3; and 59/313, para. 12	Recognizes the value of holding interactive inclusive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community, and calls upon the President of the General Assembly to organize such debates in close consultation with the General Committee and the Member States, including with regard to the preliminary programme of such debates, in order to enable an adequate level of participation and an appropriate allocation of time for substantive interactive discussion during the debates so as to enable all interested delegations to state their positions and to facilitate, where appropriate, results-oriented and productive outcomes of such debates.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Presidents of the General Assembly regularly make a preliminary announcement of their intention to convene interactive thematic debates, including in their acceptance speech when elected. Subsequently, they inform Member States by letter of the format and agenda of forthcoming thematic debates whose outcomes are posted on the website of the President of the Assembly. For a list of thematic debates convened during each session, please refer to the websites of the Presidents of the General Assembly.
36.	71/323, para. 16	Requests, in this regard, the President of the General Assembly to limit high-level meetings to current issues of critical importance to the international community, with the interest of the wider membership in mind and with a focus on the most	President of the General Assembly	Implemented on an ongoing basis.

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		vulnerable, while encouraging the allocation of events of a strictly sectoral or thematic nature to the six Main Committees.		
37.	71/323, para. 39	Requests the President of the General Assembly, in order to enhance transparency, to attach the list of speakers at high-level thematic debates organized by the President to the summary of those events.	President of the General Assembly	Ongoing provision.
J. Provisions related to the cooperation between the main organs				
38.	71/323, para. 8 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 8; 69/321, para. 8; 68/307, para. 8; 66/294, para. 10; 65/315, para. 9; 64/301, paras. 7 and 8; 60/286, annex, para. 2; 58/126, annex, para. 6; 55/285, annex, para. 21; and 51/241, annex, para. 43	Reaffirms that the relationship between the principal organs of the United Nations is mutually reinforcing and complementary, in accordance with and with full respect for their respective functions, authority, powers and competencies as enshrined in the Charter, as demonstrated through the joint activity of the Presidents of the Security Council and the General Assembly in the process of the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General during the seventieth and seventy-first sessions, and in this regard stresses the importance of further ensuring increased cooperation, coordination and the exchange of information among the Presidents of the principal organs and also with the Secretariat of the United Nations, in particular the Secretary-General.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
39.	58/126, annex, para. 5	The President of the General Assembly should continue to be briefed regularly by the President of the Security Council on the work of the Council. The President of the Assembly may wish to inform Member States about the substantive issues raised during these meetings.	President of the Security Council, President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council are meeting at monthly intervals.

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K. Provisions related to the implementation and follow-up of resolutions				
40.	71/323, para. 4 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 4; 69/321, para. 4; 68/307, para. 4; 67/297, para. 3; 66/294, para. 3; 65/315, para. 3; and 64/301, para. 3	Also decides that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall continue its review of the inventory of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted at the seventy-first session of the Assembly, and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the report at the seventy-second session.	General Assembly (Ad Hoc Working Group)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
41.	71/323, para. 5 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 5; 69/321, para. 5; 68/307, para. 5; 67/297, para. 3; 66/294, para. 3; 65/315, para. 3; and 64/301, para. 3	Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General, and requests the Secretary-General to submit an update on the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions on revitalization addressed to the Secretariat for implementation that have not been implemented, with an indication of the constraints and reasons behind any lack of implementation, for further consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-second session.	Secretary-General	The Secretary-General's report has been issued (see A/72/736).
42.	71/323, para. 19 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 15; and 69/321, para. 15	Requests the Secretary-General, under relevant agenda items, to bring to the attention of Member States constraints that have prevented the Secretary-General from implementing those provisions of General Assembly resolutions that are addressed to the Secretariat.	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision. The reports of the Secretary-General issued pursuant to intergovernmental mandates reflect on all aspects of their implementation.
43.	59/313, para. 1	Stresses the need to demonstrate political will to ensure the effective implementation of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Provision does not contain request for specific action.

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44.	58/126, annex, para. 9	Member States and the Secretariat should consider initiatives that might be taken for better monitoring of the follow-up of resolutions of the General Assembly, such as the provision of timely inputs for reports of the Secretary-General and giving effect to proposals that would advance the follow-up of major United Nations conferences and summits.	Member States, Secretary-General	Communications from the Secretary-General have been sent to Member States on an ongoing basis to ask for pertinent information.

Cluster II: working methods

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A. General provisions related to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (see also part I)				
45.	71/323, para. 54	*Reiterates* the need to produce the *Journal* in all six official languages in strict compliance with rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and decides that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall review the implementation of the decisions of the Assembly on the format, production and editing of the *Journal* during the seventy-second session, starting in March 2018.	Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, Ad Hoc Working Group	During the seventy-second session, Member States reviewed the revised format, production and editing of the *Journal of the United Nations* as part of the deliberations of the Working Group. A dedicated briefing was provided during the negotiations on the draft resolution on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.
46.	60/286, annex, para. 24 *Also in*: 59/313, para. 14	Requests the Secretary-General to issue the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in a consolidated version in all official languages, in print and online.	Secretary-General	One-time action. The consolidated version of the rules of procedure (A/520/Rev.18), is available both in print and online.
47.	60/286, annex, para. 24	Requests the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat to make precedents and past practice available in the public domain with respect to rules and practices of the intergovernmental bodies of the Organization.	Secretary-General, Office of Legal Affairs	Implemented.

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48.	71/323, paras. 51 and 52 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 33; and 68/307, para. 24	Takes note with appreciation of the cost-neutral proposals on the possible changes to the format, production and editing of the *Journal of the United Nations*, including the streamlining and digitalization of its content with a user-friendly interface, presented by the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management at the second thematic meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and in this regard decides that during the calendar year 2018, official meetings of the day, forthcoming official meetings and summaries of official meetings shall be published in the *Journal* in all six official languages; Decides that during the calendar year 2018 all other meetings and information, contained in the remaining part of the current version of the *Journal*, shall be published in the languages currently used from January to August.	Secretariat, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented. On 28 March 2017, the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management presented innovative proposals in accordance with resolution 70/305 (see the letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 3 April 2017). Subsequently, during the seventy-first session, the Co-Chairs established a Group of Friends of the *Journal*, which convened two meetings. Consultations continued during the negotiation of the draft resolution of the Ad Hoc Working Group, the outcome of which is reflected in paragraphs 51 to 55 of resolution 71/323. As of 1 January 2018, the *Journal* is being published in accordance with resolution 71/323. It is available both in print and in a streamlined digital version.
49.	71/323, para. 53	Calls upon all relevant intergovernmental bodies to review the need for and content of the *Journal* summaries of their meetings and other announcements, and to take the steps necessary with a view to ensuring a more streamlined format for the *Journal of the United Nations*.	Main Committees, General Assembly subsidiary bodies, Economic and Social Council, Security Council	Ongoing provision.

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50.	71/323, para. 32	Recalls rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and calls for strict adherence by each speaker to the time limits in the Assembly, where applicable, and in particular during the general debate, the high-level meetings of the Assembly and the high-level thematic debates convened by the President of the General Assembly.	Member States	Ongoing provision.
51.	71/323, para. 33	Invites the Chairs of meetings of the General Assembly and United Nations conferences, especially when there is very limited time available for debate, to consider recommending the "all protocol observed" principle, whereby participants are encouraged to refrain from listing standard protocol expressions during their statements.	President of the General Assembly, presiding officers, Member States	At the opening plenary meeting of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, the President of the General Assembly recalled resolution 71/323, in which the "all protocol observed" principle is recommended, whereby participants are encouraged to refrain from listing standard protocol expressions during their statements.
52.	71/323, para. 46	Decides to amend rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly by deleting its second sentence.	Secretary-General	Implemented (see A/520/Rev.18/Amend.1).
B. Provisions related to the organization of meetings: plenary, General Committee, Main Committees				
53.	71/323, para. 47	Decides that the names of candidates for election by the General Assembly or by the Main Committees shall be communicated to the Secretariat, where possible, at least 48 hours prior to an election unless otherwise required by specific rules governing the elections concerned, and that those names shall be printed on the ballot papers, while additional space shall be provided on the ballot paper for inscribing other names, where applicable.	Member States, Secretariat	Implemented.

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54.	71/323, para. 48	Decides that on the day of election in the General Assembly or in the Main Committees the campaign materials distributed in the General Assembly Hall or in the Committee meeting room shall be limited to a single page of information regarding the candidates, with a view to preserving the decorum of the Assembly.	Member States	Ongoing provision.
55.	71/323, para. 42 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 29	Decides that, with due consideration given to accessibility issues, in all plenary meetings of the General Assembly, including plenary meetings of high-level events, the seating arrangement of Member States shall follow English alphabetical order, beginning with the name of the country selected by lot each year and avoiding distinctions between Member States as to the rank of the head of delegation.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented on an ongoing basis.
56.	71/323, para. 38 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 26; 69/321, para. 27; 68/307, para. 18; 67/297, para. 18; 66/294, para. 20; and 65/315, para. 16	Reiterates its invitation to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the Chairs of the Main Committees, in consultation with the General Committee and Member States, to enhance the coordination of the scheduling of the meetings of the Assembly, including high-level meetings and high-level thematic debates, with a view to optimizing their interactivity, effectiveness and distribution throughout the session, and to consider ways to decrease the number of high-level events held during the general debate.	Secretary-General, President of the General Assembly, Main Committee Chairs, Member States	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Secretariat takes an active role in providing advice, as requested, in the consultations on modalities for high-level plenary meetings, high-level thematic debates and other events scheduled near the general debate, to ensure optimum scheduling and utilization. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management also regularly briefs Member States on arrangements for the forthcoming general debate and other high-level meetings convened in its vicinity. Furthermore, the Executive Office of the Secretary-General has adopted an internal mechanism to ensure the coordination of initiatives emanating from departments and offices of the Secretariat and agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations.

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				The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management regularly briefs senior staff in other departments on lessons learned and best practices regarding the organization and scheduling of high-level meetings.
57.	70/305, para. 19 *Also in*: 69/321, para. 21; 68/307, para. 17; 67/297, para. 17	Welcomes the holding of elections for non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council about six months before the elected members assume their responsibilities, welcomes the note by the President of the Security Council in which the elected Security Council members are invited to observe some of its meetings and activities as from 1 October immediately preceding their term of membership, and also welcomes such efforts to afford elected members appropriate opportunities to prepare for their tenure in the Security Council.	General Assembly	To be implemented on an ongoing basis. Implemented for the first time at the seventieth session (election of members of the Economic and Social Council on 14 June 2016; election of non-permanent members of the Security Council on 28 June 2016). In its resolution 71/323, the General Assembly welcomed efforts to afford elected members of the Security Council appropriate opportunities to prepare for their tenure, and also welcomed the note by the President of the Security Council in which the elected Council members were invited to observe some of its meetings and activities as from 1 October immediately preceding their term of membership (para. 25).
58.	71/323, para. 9 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 9; 69/321, para. 9; 66/294, para. 9; 65/315, para. 8	Recalls the practice of holding periodic informal briefings by the Secretary-General on his priorities, travels and most recent activities, including his participation in international meetings and events organized outside the United Nations, and invites the Secretary-General to continue this practice.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Secretary-General periodically briefs Member States in informal plenary meetings of the General Assembly on his priorities, travels and most recent activities. During the seventy-second session, for instance, the Secretary-General briefed the General Assembly on his priorities for 2018 and on his reform proposal on the restructuring of the United Nations peace and security pillar, as well as on management reform.

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59.	71/323, para. 31 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 24; and 69/321, para. 25	Recalls rules 153 and 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and encourages the Chairs of the Main Committees and the Secretary-General to ensure observance of these rules, within their respective mandates.	Main Committee Chairs, Secretary-General	Ongoing provision.
60.	59/313, para. 11	Strongly urges all officers presiding over meetings of the General Assembly to start such meetings on time.	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. Periodically, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management provides presiding officers with statistics on the financial impact of the implementation of this provision (A/61/483, p. 19, and A/62/608).
61.	58/316, annex, para. 1 (b)	With effect from the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the meetings of the plenary Assembly shall normally be held on Mondays and Thursdays.	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented on an ongoing basis, as far as possible.
62.	58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 2	The work of the Main Committees of the General Assembly might benefit if it is scheduled over two substantive periods during the session. With a view to enabling the Assembly to consider changes in this regard, with effect from the sixtieth session of the Assembly, the Secretary-General is requested to present, by 1 February 2004, various options for consideration by the General Committee, taking into account the requirements of the relevant intergovernmental bodies and the different locations of their meetings and the budget cycle.	Secretary-General	One-time action. In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Options for the rescheduling of the Main Committees of the General Assembly" (A/58/CRP.3), which the Assembly considered at its fifty-eighth session (A/61/483, p. 12, and A/62/608, p. 7).

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C. Provisions related to the general debate				
63.	71/323, para. 41 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 28	Decides that, with sufficient time before the opening of each regular or special session of the General Assembly, the Secretariat, in particular its protocol and security services, shall hold discussions with all Member States on all aspects related to the organization of the high-level segment of the general debate and any other activities that may have special organizational requirements.	Secretariat (Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, Department of Safety and Security)	Implemented on an ongoing basis. The Secretariat regularly briefs Member States on the organizational aspects of the general debate. It also issues an information note in advance of the annual high-level segment.
64.	71/323, para. 40 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 27; 69/321, para. 28; 68/307, para. 19; 57/301, para. 2; and 51/241, annex, paras. 19 and 20 (a)	Encourages the scheduling of future high-level meetings during the first half of the year, from within existing resources, taking into account the calendar of conferences and without prejudice to the current practice of convening one high-level meeting in September at the beginning of each session of the Assembly.	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	High-level thematic debates and high-level debates organized by the President of the General Assembly are normally scheduled during the first half of the year (that is, during the resumed part of the session).
65.	71/323, para. 34	Decides to continue to consider ways to rationalize the number of side events held during the high-level segment of the general debate, bearing in mind the need to enhance its decorum and significance, and encourages the scheduling of side events at United Nations Headquarters outside of the hours when the general debate is being held.	Ad Hoc Working Group, Member States	Ongoing provision.
66.	51/241, annex, para. 20 (b)–(e)	The preparation of the list of speakers for the general debate shall be based on the following principles: (b) Member States shall be invited to indicate three preferences for speaking times; (c) Member States wishing to organize or participate in	Secretary-General, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. The preparation of the list is based on the expressions of preference, traditions and other criteria (such as written request by a Member State, level of the representation, previous speaker slot, gender balance and geographical diversity).

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		group meetings during the general debate period shall be encouraged to coordinate their responses to the request for preferences and to indicate this transparently in their responses;		
		(d) The Secretariat shall be requested to prepare a list of speakers based on existing traditions and expressions of preference to best accommodate Members' needs;		
		(e) The list of speakers for each day shall be completed and no speakers will be rolled over to the next day, notwithstanding the implications for hours of work.		
D. Provisions related to the conduct of business: time limits on speeches				
67.	59/313, para. 10	Decides that time limits on speeches in the plenary Assembly and in the Main Committees shall be applied in accordance with rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.	Member States, Secretary-General, President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat, the President of the General Assembly and Member States, bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.
68.	59/313, para. 13	Invites Member States that are aligned with statements already made by the chair of a group of Member States, where possible, to focus additional interventions that they make in their national capacity on points that have not already been adequately addressed in the statements of the group in question, bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.
69.	51/241, annex, para. 22	Outside the general debate there shall be a 15-minute time limit in plenary meetings and in the Main Committees.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Provision to be applied by Member States bearing in mind the sovereign right of each Member State to express its national position.

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E. Provisions related to modern technologies				
70.	71/323, para. 49 *Also in:* 70/305, para. 32; 69/321, para. 31; 68/307, para. 20; 67/297, paras. 20 and 21; 66/294, paras. 15 and 23; and 64/301, para. 19	*Encourages* Member States to make, to the extent possible, full use of the e-services provided by the Secretariat, in order to save costs and reduce the environmental impact and improve the distribution of documents, and in this regard requests the Secretariat to further improve, harmonize and, where appropriate, unify such services, including by making available all the official correspondence of the United Nations addressed to the Member States.	Member States, Secretariat	Ongoing provision. All important official communications are transmitted by email and, where delivery is not successful, by fax. As regards United Nations parliamentary documents, these are electronically available through the e-subscription service of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, available from http://undocs.org. Using Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds, parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or handheld smart device. The PaperSmart model was developed to promote the use of electronic media and provide participants with electronic access to meeting programmes, agendas, documents and statements. Delegate-facing services for the plenary and the six Main Committees have been centralized through the e-deleGATE portal. This includes e-Speakers, e-Sponsorship, e-list of participants and CandiWeb. As such, the portal provides easy access to the pre-session, in-session and post-session documents of those bodies. The e-deleGATE portal also provides access to official correspondence of the United Nations addressed to the Member States. In the Main Committees, delegations are increasingly making use of the possibility of circulating their statements electronically and reading out shorter remarks.
71.	71/323, para. 36	Decides that the general debate and the thematic meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group shall be webcast.	Department of Public Information	Ongoing provision.

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72.	71/323, para. 35	Requests the Secretariat to provide a tool to allow Member States and the United Nations system to upload and publish information about side events organized by them at United Nations Headquarters throughout the year.	Secretariat	The digital version of the *Journal of the United Nations* allows Member States to upload and publish information about side events organized by them at the United Nations Headquarters.
73.	71/323, para. 50	Requests the Secretariat to explore ways to provide real-time updates with respect to the cancellation and postponement of meetings, as currently provided on the screens at United Nations Headquarters, through a user-friendly application for electronic devices, and to present possible options to the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-second session of the General Assembly.	Secretariat	Implemented.
74.	70/305, para. 18 *Also in*: 69/321, para. 20	Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to include, in his report to be submitted at the seventy-first session of the General Assembly under the agenda item entitled "Pattern of conferences", information regarding the basis for the current practice whereby Member States bear the additional costs of using United Nations Headquarters conference services during business hours.	Secretary-General	Implemented (see A/71/116, para. 19).
75.	66/294, para. 24 *Also in*: 65/315, para. 19; 64/301, para. 21; 63/309, para. 9; 60/286, annex, para. 28; 59/313, para. 15; and 55/285, annex, para. 24 (a)	Decides that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall remain apprised of options for more time-effective, efficient and secure balloting, reiterating the need to ascertain the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of the balloting process, and requests the Secretariat to submit an update in case of any new technological	Secretariat, General Assembly (Ad Hoc Working Group)	The Ad Hoc Working Group receives periodic updates from the Secretariat in case of any new technological developments.

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		developments, on the understanding that the adoption of any new balloting system in the future will require a decision of the plenary of the General Assembly.		
76.	63/309, para. 7	Calls upon Member States to respond to the annual review of the Meetings and Publishing Division of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management on the distribution of printed documents to Missions, bearing in mind the cost savings, as well as the reduced environmental impact, which may accrue from this exercise, in order to improve the quality and distribution of those documents.	Member States	Ongoing provision. Member States have been responding favourably to the annual review of the Meetings and Publishing Division, resulting in decreased requests for hard copies of parliamentary documents and an increase in the number of requests for e-subscription to digital copies of documents.
77.	55/285, annex, para. 24 (b) and (c)	Taking into account the general support in this regard, the Secretary-General is requested to submit proposals to the General Assembly for its consideration: (b) Wiring of the main conference rooms at Headquarters to provide members of delegations and the Secretariat with access to the Official Document System and other databases of the Organization, as well as to the Internet, together with electronic access to texts of statements and reports and, in the case of reports, simultaneous access to texts in all official languages; (c) Other areas of the work of the Assembly in which the use of modern technology and information technology would contribute to	Secretary-General	Implemented. The Official Document System is now fully operational. Furthermore, the PaperSmart portal provides electronic access to the texts of statements of and reports to Member States and the Secretariat, as well as parliamentary documents in all official languages.

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		enhancing efficiency in its working methods.		
78.	51/241, annex, para. 45	The Secretary-General is requested to pursue an information technology plan with a range of options to provide all permanent missions to the United Nations and the wider public with online access to documents and relevant United Nations information. Unless the General Assembly decides otherwise, hard copies of documents shall continue to be distributed to permanent missions in accordance with their needs. While welcoming the progress made by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, further efforts in this direction could be pursued within a specified time frame to harmonize and improve United Nations information systems. All countries, in particular developing countries, shall be assisted in making full use of this potential access. Adequate provision should be made for training delegates. Facilities for such access by delegations within the United Nations premises shall also be expanded as much as possible. Availability of information in this manner should be ensured in all official languages of the United Nations.	Secretary-General	Implemented. The Official Document System is fully operational and accessible. In addition to distribution via electronic means, hard copies continue to be distributed to permanent missions as requested. Furthermore, a range of options, including online access (in and beyond conference rooms), print-on-demand hard copies, knowledge management and video training is being implemented through the PaperSmart portal. The PaperSmart team is also undertaking further studies and assessments. Regarding the reference to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, the last time the Council had before it a report on the matter was in 2011. At that time, the Council took note of the report, but no proposal was submitted to it for consideration. The last time the item was on the agenda was in 2012. No documentation or proposal was submitted to the Economic and Social Council for consideration.
79.	51/241, annex, para. 46	The Secretary-General is encouraged to include information on the impact of technological improvements in his report on the implementation of mandates, by means of comparing outputs with objectives.	Secretary-General	See comments for provisions 77 and 78 above. In addition, recording and assessment of indicators and outputs is currently being undertaken by the PaperSmart team.

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F. Provisions related to documentation: resolutions (see also part I)				
80.	66/294, para. 21 *Also in*: 65/315, para. 17	Encourages Member States, United Nations bodies and the Secretariat to continue to consult on the consolidation of documentation in order to avoid duplication of work, to exercise the fullest possible discipline in striving for concise resolutions, reports and other documentation, inter alia, by referring to previous documents rather than repeating actual content, and to focus on key themes.	Member States, Secretariat	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. This issue is frequently examined in a number of intergovernmental bodies.
G. Provisions related to documentation: consolidation of reports				
81.	60/286, annex, para. 29 *Also in*: 59/313, para. 16; 58/316, annex, para. 6 (c); and 58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 7	Requests the Secretary-General to implement further the measures set out in paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300 on the consolidation of reports and in paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 58/316 on documentation.	Secretary-General	In response to the provision formulated in resolution 57/300, the Secretariat issued a note entitled "Control and limitation of documentation" (A/58/CRP.7). Since the adoption of the resolution, a number of reports, where appropriate, have been consolidated (A/61/483, p. 21, and A/62/608). The Main Committees regularly examine the issue of consolidation of documentation, particularly when considering their working methods in the context of the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.
82.	59/313, para. 16 *Also in*: 58/316, annex, para. 6	In the light of its decision in section B, paragraph 7, of the annex to resolution 58/126 that the heavy volume of documentation that is submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration should be reduced, the Secretary-General is requested: (a) To update the note by the Secretariat, entitled "Control and limitation of documentation" (A/58/CRP.7) in the light of the provisions of the present resolution;	Secretary-General	In response to the provision formulated in resolution 57/300, the Secretariat issued a note entitled "Control and limitation of documentation" (A/58/CRP.7). The note has not been updated as the proposed update lacked the endorsement of Member States.

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		(b) To submit the updated version of the note by the Secretariat for the consideration of the General Committee, meeting in open-ended consultations, so that it may make recommendations to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session.		
83.	55/285, annex, para. 16	In preparing the annual memorandum concerning the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, the secretariat of the Assembly, in consultation with the substantive departments of the Secretariat, should look for synergies and integration of reports.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. The annual memorandum concerning the implementation of the resolutions contains a paragraph on the need for possible integration of reports.
H. Provisions related to the preparation and issuance of reports				
84.	66/294, para. 21 *Also in*: 59/313, para. 18; and 49/221 B, para. 6 (c)	Calls upon Member States, United Nations bodies and the Secretariat to observe existing submission deadlines so as to allow for the timely processing of documents to be examined by intergovernmental bodies.	Member States, Secretariat	Ongoing provision. In response to this request, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management has entered into a compact with the Secretary-General which provides for zero tolerance of late submission of documents (A/61/483 and A/62/608).
85.	55/285, annex, para. 18	The Secretary-General is requested to make further suggestions as to how to speed up the preparation of reports and to rationalize the scheduling of meetings. The Secretary-General shall keep the President of the General Assembly and the General Committee informed on this issue on a regular basis throughout the sessions of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	The Secretary-General continues to make recommendations in his memorandums on organization of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items (see, for example, the most recent memorandum, A/BUR/72/1).

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86.	59/313, para. 17	Encourages Member States, when seeking additional information, to request that they be provided with the information either orally or, if in writing, in the form of information sheets, annexes, tables and the like, and encourages the wider use of this practice.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States.
87.	55/285, annex, para. 17	Member States and entities of the United Nations system should make a serious effort to submit their replies and inputs to requests for information or views pursuant to resolutions of the General Assembly within the prescribed deadlines.	Member States	Provision to be implemented by the Member States.
I. Provisions related to the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization				
88.	55/285, annex, para. 14 *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 7	As regards implementation of paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241, the President of the General Assembly, after consideration by the Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, shall inform the Assembly of his assessment of the debate on the report in order for the Assembly to determine the need for further action.	President of the General Assembly	According to practice, the Secretary-General introduces his report at the beginning of the general debate. Consequently, the President of the General Assembly presents his assessment at the conclusion of the general debate. Any additional assessment by the President is provided after plenary meetings of the General Assembly.
89.	51/241, annex, para. 4	The introduction to the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization should be in the nature of an executive summary highlighting main issues.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented by the Secretariat. The introduction to the report on the work of the Organization is presented in the form of an executive summary highlighting the main issues.
90.	51/241, annex, para. 5 *Also in*: 55/285, annex, para. 13	The main body of the report shall be comprehensive, informative and analytical in a way that will allow Member States to examine and assess, inter alia, through the debate on the report, the extent to which mandates given by the General Assembly have been fulfilled, as well as to set	Secretary-General	Provision implemented by the Secretariat on an ongoing basis.

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		priorities in the context of the major political, economic and social, administrative and financial issues on its agenda.		
91.	51/241, annex, para. 6 *Also in*: 55/285, annex, para. 13	The Secretary-General shall incorporate a forward-looking section in his report on the work of the Organization. It shall describe the specific goals for the Secretariat in the year ahead in the context of the workplan for the Organization in the coming year, taking into account the medium-term plan and the fact that the responsibility for establishing priorities rests with the Member States.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat.
92.	51/241, annex, para. 9 *Also in*: 55/285, annex, para. 13	The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization shall, inter alia, contain an analytical and concise annex elaborating the costs by major programmes and activities of all bodies of the United Nations system, located both in and outside New York, according to their mandates, so as to improve Member States' overview of system-wide issues.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat.
93.	51/241, annex, para. 3	The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization should be available not later than 30 days prior to the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly in all official languages of the Organization so as to permit due consideration.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretariat. During the seventy-second session the report was issued on 28 July 2017.
94.	51/241, annex, para. 7	The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization shall be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly immediately after the general debate.	Secretary-General, Member States (General Assembly)	Provision implemented by the Secretariat on an ongoing basis. The report is considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly immediately after the general debate.

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95.	51/241, annex, para. 10	The Secretary-General is requested to introduce the report orally at an appropriate time under the agenda item "Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization".	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis by the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General introduces his report orally under the agenda item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization".
J. Provisions related to the agenda of the General Assembly				
96.	71/323, para. 26 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 20; 69/321, para. 22; 68/307, para. 16; 67/297, para. 15; 66/294, para. 18; 65/315, para. 14; 64/301, para. 18; and 63/309, para. 6	Emphasizes that the General Assembly and its Main Committees, at the seventy-second session, in consultation with Member States, should continue their consideration of and make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the Assembly, including through the introduction of a sunset clause, with the clear consent of the sponsoring State or States, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group.	Member States (General Assembly), Main Committees	Ongoing provision. At the seventieth session, the Second Committee undertook a process of informal consultations on the revitalization of the work of the Second Committee. Separately, the President of the seventieth session of the General Assembly appointed a group of facilitators to find agreement, in consultation with Member States, on strategically aligning the agenda of future sessions of the General Assembly with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals.
97.	71/323, para. 28 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 22	Also recalls the need to enhance synergies and coherence and reduce overlap where it is found to exist in the agendas of the General Assembly, especially of its Second and Third Committees, the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, and the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council and the Assembly, as well as all other related forums, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and in the light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and calls for the continuation of such efforts during the seventy-	Member States (General Assembly, Economic and Social Council, high-level political forum on sustainable development)	The President of the seventieth session of the General Assembly appointed a group of facilitators to find agreement, in consultation with Member States, on strategically aligning the agenda of future sessions of the Assembly with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals. The President of the seventy-first session appointed two co-facilitators whose report, which includes recommendations for consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-first session, was circulated in a letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 17 July 2017. The President of the seventy-second session appointed the Permanent Representatives of Belgium and of

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		second session of the Assembly.		Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process (see provision 98).
98.	71/323, para. 30	Requests the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session to identify proposals, through consultations with all Member States and the President of the Economic and Social Council, as well as through the convening of the General Committee, aimed at addressing gaps and duplication in the agenda of the Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into account the report on the strategic alignment of future sessions of the Assembly and other relevant inputs, for the consideration of Member States during the seventy-third session of the Assembly.	President of the General Assembly, Member States	The President of the seventy-second session convened a meeting of the General Committee for an exchange of views to identify next steps aimed at addressing gaps and duplication in the agenda of the General Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Subsequently, the President appointed the Permanent Representatives of Belgium and of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to lead the intergovernmental consultations on this process.
99.	58/316, annex, para. 2 (a) and (d)	(a) Pursuant to paragraph 4 of section B of the annex to resolution 58/126, the agenda of the General Assembly shall be organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 (or in the strategic framework, as appropriate), with an additional heading for "Organizational, administrative and other matters"; (d) The provisions of the present section shall be reviewed by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session with a view to making further improvements, as appropriate.	Secretary-General, Member States (General Assembly)	One-time action. As from the fifty-ninth session, the agenda of the General Assembly has been organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 and, subsequently, in accordance with the strategic framework for the period 2006–2007, with an additional heading I, entitled "Organizational, administrative and other matters" (A/61/483, p. 13, and A/62/608). During the sixty-first session no revision was made by the General Assembly.

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100.	58/316, annex, para. 4	Provisions related to allocation of agenda items (for details see resolution 58/316, annex, para. 4).	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. The provisions of this paragraph have been implemented as from the fifty-ninth session and reflected in the agenda of each session (A/62/608, and resolution 58/316, annex, para. 4).
101.	55/285, annex, paras. 3–9	Provisions related to clustering of agenda items concerning cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations.	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. Provision implemented as requested and reflected in the agenda of each session.
102.	55/285, annex, paras. 10 and 11	Provisions related to biennialization of agenda items (for details see resolution 55/285, annex, paras. 10 and 11).	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. The provisions have been implemented as requested.
103.	55/285, annex, para. 12	The following item shall be considered by the Third Committee, starting at the fifty-sixth session: "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly".	Member States, Secretary-General	One-time action. The provisions have been implemented as requested.
104.	58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 4	With a view to better conceptualization of the content of the agenda of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General is requested to submit to the Assembly, for its consideration by 1 March 2004, an illustrative agenda of the Assembly, based on all the agenda items of the fifty-eighth session, organized around the priorities of the Organization for the period 2002–2005. The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the illustrative agenda before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004.	Secretary-General, General Committee	One-time action. In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Illustrative agenda of the General Assembly" (A/58/CRP.4), which the Assembly considered at its fifty-eighth session (A/61/483, p. 12). See also comments for provision 102 above.

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105.	58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 5	The President of the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session, in consultation with the Secretary-General, and following consultations with concerned Member States, is requested to make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items of the customary agenda of the Assembly for the consideration of the General Committee by 1 April 2004. The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the proposals before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004.	President of the General Assembly	One-time action. Subsequent to the adoption of resolution 58/126, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Analysis of the agenda of the General Assembly" (A/58/CRP.6), which was considered by the General Committee in open-ended informal consultations.
106.	55/285, annex, para. 2 *Also in:* 51/241, annex, para. 24	The rationalization and streamlining of the agenda of the General Assembly should continue in order to enable the Assembly to focus its work on priority issues. Any change or suggestion concerning the agenda is made with the understanding that Member States may at any time propose any issue or item for the attention and consideration of the Assembly.	Member States (General Assembly)	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
107.	51/241, annex, para. 23	Bearing in mind rule 81 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the requirements for reopening debate on an agenda item which the Assembly had decided was completed will continue to be as at present and should be made clear to delegations through a statement from the President of the Assembly. A delegation wishing to reopen debate on an agenda item should send a written request to the President of the Assembly. The President will then	Member States (General Assembly), President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

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		undertake soundings to ascertain whether the request enjoys wide support. In the light of these soundings, the President shall announce in the *Journal of the United Nations* the date of the meeting of the Assembly to consider the question of reopening debate on the item, bearing in mind the requirements of rule 81.		
108.	51/241, annex, para. 25	As a general rule, agenda items that could be considered in the Main Committees shall be referred to the Main Committees rather than the General Assembly in plenary meetings.	General Assembly, Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
K. Provisions related to practices and working methods of the Main Committees of the General Assembly				
109.	71/323, para. 22	Recalls section C, paragraph 3, of the annex to its resolution 58/316, requests the Chairs of the Main Committees to organize handover meetings of the outgoing and incoming bureaux to exchange views on outcomes and the upcoming agenda, and invites the Chairs of the Main Committees to present a report to their successors on best practices and lessons learned.	Main Committee Chairs	Ongoing provision.
110.	71/323, para. 24	Calls for the six Chairs of the Main Committees to meet periodically during the session of the General Assembly to share best practices and increase the coherence and complementarity of the work of the Main Committees	Main Committee Chairs	Ongoing provision.

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111.	69/321, para. 16 *Also in:* 68/307, para. 13; 60/286, annex, para. 25; and 59/313, para. 8	Appreciates the briefings by the Chairs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly to the Ad Hoc Working Group about the working methods of their respective Committees during the sixty-ninth session of the Assembly, and in this regard encourages the Main Committees: (a) To ensure adequate coordination in their work while avoiding overlap and duplication; (b) To hold elections for the bureaux of the Main Committees at least three months before the opening of each session, and preferably up to six months in advance of the session, and calls upon the regional groups to proceed with relevant nominations in a timely manner and in accordance with the interim arrangement set out in Assembly decision 68/505 of 1 October 2013; (c) To benefit from their respective intranet and other online services to facilitate the smooth organization and timely conclusion of their work; (d) To further enhance sharing of information on the work and activities of the Main Committees within each Main Committee; (e) To further improve the management of the negotiation process for Assembly resolutions.	Main Committees	Main Committees periodically hold informal meetings on their working methods. Quickplace sites provide a tool for Main Committees to facilitate their work. In the past, some of the Main Committees explored ways and possibilities of enhancing their cooperation. For instance, during the sixtieth and sixty-first sessions there were joint meetings of the bureaux of the Second and Third Committees.

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112.	71/323, para. 21 *Also in:* 70/305, para. 17; 69/321, para. 19; 68/307, para. 14; 67/297, para. 13; 66/294, para. 19; and 65/315, para. 15	Requests each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods at the beginning of every session, and in this regard invites the Chairs of the Main Committees to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-second session on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving working methods, as appropriate.	Main Committees, Main Committee Chairs	Implemented on an ongoing basis. Briefings were provided to the Ad Hoc Working Group by the Main Committee Chairs from the sixty-fifth to the seventy-second session.
113.	69/321, para. 17 *Also in:* 59/313, annex, para. 9	Calls upon outgoing Chairs of the Main Committees to brief incoming Chairs on best practices and lessons learned from previous sessions of the Main Committees and to provide their written observations and lessons learned to their immediate successors, and encourages the incoming Chairs and bureaux of the Main Committees to consult with Member States shortly after their election on how the work will be conducted during the upcoming session of their Committee.	Main Committees	Provision is implemented by the Main Committees on an ongoing basis. The observations and lessons learned are presented during the informal meetings between incoming and outgoing bureaux of the respective Committees.
114.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (a) *Also in:* 59/313, para. 7; and 51/241, annex, para. 26	Main Committees shall give specific attention to the rationalization of their future agendas by the biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items, and make recommendations to the plenary Assembly for its decision by 1 April 2005.	Main Committees	In response to this request, the Main Committees at the fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions made recommendations to the Assembly.
115.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (b) *Also in:* 51/241, annex, para. 30	Main Committees shall adopt a provisional programme of work at the end of the session for the next session to help them better to plan, prepare and organize and, in this context, review the related documentation requirements.	Main Committees	Implemented as from the fifty-ninth session (information on the programme of work of the Fifth Committee is usually not available owing to the time frame of the Committee's work) (A/61/483, p. 14, and A/62/608).

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116.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (c)	The practice of interactive debates and panel discussions shall be utilized or expanded, as appropriate, by all Main Committees so as to enhance informal, in-depth discussions and to bring together experts from various fields without prejudicing the progress of the substantive work of the Main Committees.	Main Committees	Provision is being implemented on an ongoing basis. The Committees make extensive use of interactive debates and panels, for example, panel meetings are of particular importance for the work of the Second Committee.
117.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (d) *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 53	The practice of "question time" shall be introduced, as appropriate, in all Main Committees to enable a dynamic and candid exchange with heads of departments and offices, representatives of the Secretary-General and special rapporteurs.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. As from the fifty-ninth session, the Main Committees introduced "question time", which has significant importance for their work.
118.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (e)	The websites of the Main Committees shall be enhanced and thereafter regularly updated and their content maintained by the secretariats of the Main Committees.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The websites of the Main Committees continue to be enhanced and regularly updated by the respective secretariats (A/61/483, p. 15, and A/62/608).
119.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (f)	The bureaux-elect of the Main Committees shall meet immediately after their election in order to discuss the organization and division of their work.	Main Committees	Ongoing provision. Provision implemented as from the fifty-eighth session.
120.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (g)	With a view to ensuring the continuity and the effective organization of their work, the incoming bureaux of the Main Committees shall, no later than two weeks after their election, meet with the outgoing bureaux in order to consult on and review issues relating to the efficient functioning of the Main Committees.	Main Committees	Implemented by most of the Main Committees as from the fifty-eighth session.

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121.	58/316, annex, para. 3 (h) *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 30	Prior to the opening of each session, informal briefings of each Main Committee shall be convened to discuss the organization of work.	Main Committees	Implemented as from the fifty-ninth session.
122.	58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 8	The Main Committees of the General Assembly are bound by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, although they have different practices and working methods. With a view to identifying best practices and working methods, and recognizing the ongoing efforts of the Main Committees to streamline their work, the Secretary-General, drawing on the experience of previous Chairs of the Main Committees, is requested to submit a historical and analytical note on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees for the consideration of the General Committee by 1 April 2004. The General Committee shall hold open-ended discussions on the note before making recommendations on the matter to the Assembly for its decision by 1 July 2004.	Secretary-General	In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Historical and analytical note on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees" (A/58/CRP.5), which was considered by the General Committee in open-ended informal consultations (A/61/483, p. 13, and A/62/608).
123.	51/241, annex, para. 51	There shall be a more detailed and structured examination in the Main Committees of the relevant reports of the Board of Auditors, the Joint Inspection Unit and the Office of Internal Oversight Services in relation to the substantive work of these Committees.	Main Committees	The reports are examined in the Main Committees on an ad hoc basis, if necessary.
124.	51/241, annex, para. 31	The Main Committees shall meet in substantive session only after the end of the general debate.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

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125.	51/241, annex, para. 36	The First Committee and the Fourth Committee shall not meet simultaneously and may consider meeting in a sequential manner during the regular session of the General Assembly. This arrangement shall not apply if it affects their respective identities, programmes of work and effective consideration of their agendas.	Main Committees	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The secretaries of the First and Fourth Committees undertake consultation for the purpose of avoiding simultaneous meetings.
L. Provisions related to the General Committee				
126.	71/323, para. 23	Invites the President-elect of the General Assembly to meet with the incoming members of the General Committee before the beginning of the regular session in order to review the proposed programme of work of the Main Committees, with a view to increasing their efficiency and improving complementarity.	President-elect	Ongoing provision. The President-elect of the seventy-second session convened a meeting with the incoming members of the General Committee in advance of the opening of the seventy-second session for an informal exchange of views.
127.	71/323, para. 29	Requests the General Committee, while exercising its functions under rule 40 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to pay special attention to reduction of such overlap.	General Committee	Ongoing provision.
128.	71/323, para. 37	Recalls its resolutions 1898 (XVIII) of 11 November 1963, 2837 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, 45/45 of 28 November 1990, 51/241 of 31 July 1997, 58/126 of 19 December 2003 and 58/316, and calls upon the President of the General Assembly to make full use of the General Committee throughout the session, with a view to reviewing the programme of work of the Assembly and its Main Committees, in line with	President of the General Assembly	Ongoing provision.

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		rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.		
129.	60/286, annex, para. 27 *Also in*: 58/316, annex, para. 5 (b)	Reiterates its call for the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.	General Committee	Since the adoption of resolution 58/316, the General Committee has met throughout the session of the General Assembly.
130.	51/241, annex, para. 33	The General Committee shall use its authority and competence, taking into account rule 43 of the rules of procedure, by allowing Member States that are not represented on the General Committee to participate in its discussions. The process of decision-making will continue to be as at present.	General Committee	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
131.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (a)	The work of the General Committee shall be carried out in accordance with section VI of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.	General Committee	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
132.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (b)	The General Committee shall continue to meet throughout the session and to play the leading role in advising the General Assembly on the efficient organization, coordination and management of its work.	General Committee	Since the adoption of resolution 58/316, the General Committee has met throughout the session of the General Assembly and played its leading role in advising the Assembly in the organization of its work.
133.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (c)	To ensure the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee shall meet regularly throughout the session with the bureaux of the Main Committees to review the progress of the work of the Main Committees and to make recommendations for furthering such progress.	General Committee	Since the adoption of the provision, the General Committee has met throughout the sessions of the General Assembly to ensure the effective implementation of rule 42 of the rules of procedure. The Main Committee Chairs have regularly briefed the General Committee on the work of their Committees.

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134.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (d)	In July of each year, the General Committee shall conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the General Assembly, on the basis of a report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, and submit recommendations on the matter to the forthcoming Assembly. The report of the Secretary-General shall include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.	General Committee	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis. In response to this request, the Secretary-General annually submits reports to the General Assembly, including the requested information on the status of documentation.
135.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (f)	On the basis of proposals from the President of the General Assembly, and in the light of the positive experience during the fifty-eighth session, the General Committee shall be encouraged, as appropriate, to continue to schedule informal briefings on topical issues.	General Committee	At the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions, the General Committee held a number of informal briefings on topical issues. Owing to the rising number of thematic debates, the practice of informal briefings in the General Committee has been limited to avoid duplication.
136.	58/316, annex, para. 5 (h)	The General Committee shall continue to consider ways and means to further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects, and make recommendations on the matter to the General Assembly for its decision by 1 April 2005.	General Committee	The General Committee continues to consider ways and means of improving its working methods. No recommendation has been made in that regard since the adoption of this provision.
137.	58/126, annex, sect. B, para. 1	The General Committee shall meet throughout the session and further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness. It will play the leading role in advising the General Assembly on the efficient organization, coordination and management of its work. In this connection, the Assembly will also consider proposals	General Committee	The General Assembly, at its fifty-eighth session, adopted resolution 58/316, by which, inter alia, it decided on a number of measures with regard to the reform of the General Committee.

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		to reform the General Committee.		
138.	55/285, annex, para. 20	In order to enhance the capacity of the General Committee to assist the President of the General Assembly in the conduct of the business of the Assembly and to improve continuity between its different sessions, at the outset of each session, each Vice-President of the Assembly shall designate a liaison person for the duration of the session. This designation may be made informally, without any amendment to rule 39 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, by means of a letter to its President.	General Committee	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
139.	51/241, annex, para. 34	The General Committee may, each year, prior to the closure of the session, prepare suggestions based on its experience for the consideration of the incoming General Committee.	General Committee	Suggestions have been made on an ongoing basis during informal meetings between the incoming and outgoing General Committees.
140.	51/241, annex, para. 35	The General Committee is requested to consider and recommend to the General Assembly methods and procedures for streamlining and rationalizing the Committee's work. The General Committee shall, in this context, in relation to each agenda item proposed, consider its rejection or its inclusion in the provisional agenda, taking into account previous recommendations of the General Committee and previous relevant decisions of the Assembly.	General Committee	Provisions to be implemented by the General Committee.

Cluster III: selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads

No	*Resolution*	*Text of provision*	*Implementing entity*	*Comments*
A. General provision related to the selection of the Secretary-General				
141.	71/323, para. 57 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 37; 69/321, para. 34; 68/307, para. 26; 60/286, annex, para. 17; and 51/241, annex, para. 57	Reiterates that the process of selecting and appointing the Secretary-General differs from the process used with regard to the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system, given the roles of the Security Council and the General Assembly in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter, and emphasizes in particular that the process of selection of the Secretary-General is guided by the principles of transparency and inclusiveness, building on best practices and the participation of all Member States.		Ongoing provision.
142.	71/323, para. 58 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 40; 69/321, para. 39; and 60/286, annex, para. 22	Stresses, in particular, the need to ensure the appointment of the best possible candidate for the position of Secretary-General, who embodies the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and who demonstrates a firm commitment to the purposes and principles of the United Nations, proven leadership and managerial abilities, extensive experience in international relations and strong diplomatic, communication and multilingual skills.		Ongoing provision.
B. Provisions related to the selection process				
143.	71/323, para. 59 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 41; 69/321, para. 32; 68/307, para. 25; 67/297, para. 23; 66/294, para. 25;	Reaffirms its commitment to continue, in the Ad Hoc Working Group, in accordance with the provisions of Article 97 of the Charter, its thorough consideration of the issues under the third thematic	Ad Hoc Working Group, Member States	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Ad Hoc Working Group has devoted a thematic meeting in each of its recent sessions to this issue. At the seventieth session, the Co-Chairs also convened a dedicated informal brainstorming session on, inter alia, the possibility

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	65/315, para. 20; and 64/301, para. 14	cluster of the Working Group, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, including the examination of innovative ways to improve the process of selecting and appointing the Secretary-General and other executive heads in all its aspects, and recalls all relevant resolutions, including resolutions 11 (I) of 24 January 1946, 46/77 of 12 December 1991, 47/233 of 17 August 1993, 48/264 of 29 July 1994, 51/241 of 31 July 1997, 52/163 of 15 December 1997, 55/14 of 3 November 2000, 55/285 of 7 September 2001, 56/509 of 8 July 2002, 57/300 of 20 December 2002, 57/301 of 13 March 2003, 58/126 of 19 December 2003, 58/316 of 1 July 2004, 59/313 of 12 September 2005, 60/286 of 8 September 2006, 61/292 of 2 August 2007, 62/276 of 15 September 2008, 63/309 of 14 September 2009, 64/301 of 13 September 2010, 65/315 of 12 September 2011, 66/294 of 17 September 2012, 67/297 of 29 August 2013, 68/307 of 10 September 2014, 69/321 of 11 September 2015 and 70/305 of 13 September 2016, reaffirming the applicable procedures set out in the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in particular rule 141, and acknowledging existing relevant practices of the Assembly.		of modifying the term of office to a single, non-renewable term and of recommending more than one candidate for consideration by the General Assembly.
144.	71/323, para. 60 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 42; and 69/321, para. 33	Calls upon the President of the General Assembly to monitor and review the Assembly's implementation of these resolutions.	President of the General Assembly	Ongoing provision.

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145.	69/321, para. 35 *Also in*: 60/286, annex, para. 19; and 51/241, annex, para. 60	Requests the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council to start the process of soliciting candidates for the position of Secretary-General through a joint letter addressed to all Member States, containing a description of the entire process and inviting candidates to be presented in a timely manner.	President of the General Assembly, President of the Security Council	A joint letter by the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 15 December 2015 was sent to all Member States (see A/70/623-S/2015/988).
146.	69/321, para. 36	Also requests the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council to jointly circulate to all Member States on an ongoing basis the names of individuals that have been submitted for consideration as candidates for the position of Secretary-General together with accompanying documents, including curricula vitae.	President of the General Assembly, President of the Security Council	The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council jointly circulated the names of the individuals that were submitted for consideration as candidates during the seventieth and seventy-first sessions.
147.	70/305, para. 38 *Also in*: 69/321, para. 37	Notes that the selection and appointment of the next Secretary-General is expected to take place in 2016, and as a result requests, without prejudice to the role of the principal organs as enshrined in Article 97 of the Charter, the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session to actively support this process in accordance with the role accorded to him by relevant resolutions, including the present resolution.	Presidents of the seventieth and seventy-first sessions of the General Assembly	Implemented by the Presidents of the seventieth and seventy-first sessions of the General Assembly.
148.	70/305, para. 39 *Also in*: 69/321, para. 38; 68/307, para. 28; 66/294, para. 26; 60/286, annex, para. 18; and	Reaffirms paragraph 38 of resolution 69/321, and welcomes the presentation of a significant number of women for the position of ninth Secretary-General of the United Nations, following its invitation to Member States to do so.	Member States (General Assembly, Security Council)	Implemented.

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	51/241, annex, paras. 56 and 59			
149.	69/321, para. 42 *Also in*: 60/286, annex, para. 20	Decides, without prejudice to the role of the principal organs as enshrined in Article 97 of the Charter, to conduct informal dialogues or meetings with candidates for the position of Secretary-General, without any prejudice to any candidate who does not participate, thus contributing to the transparency and inclusivity of the process.	General Assembly, President of the General Assembly	The Presidents of the seventieth and seventy-first sessions of the General Assembly organized informal dialogues with all candidates submitted for consideration as the ninth Secretary-General.
C. Provisions related to the appointment and duration of the term (see also part I)				
150.	60/286, annex, para. 21 *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 61	Recalls paragraph 61 of its resolution 51/241, in which it is stated that, in order to ensure a smooth and efficient transition, the Secretary-General should be appointed as early as possible, preferably no later than one month before the date on which the term of the incumbent expires.	General Assembly, Security Council	The provision is being implemented to the extent possible. Resolution 71/4, by which the General Assembly appointed António Guterres Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2017 and ending on 31 December 2021, was adopted on 13 October 2016.
151.	51/241, annex, para. 58	The duration of the term or terms of appointment, including the option of a single term, shall be considered before the appointment of the next Secretary-General.	Member States	Member States decide on the duration of the term on a case-by-case basis, on the recommendation of the Security Council. At the seventieth session, the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group convened an informal brainstorming session on, inter alia, the possibility of modifying the term of office to a single, non-renewable term, and of recommending more than one candidate for consideration by the General Assembly.
D. Miscellaneous/other				
152.	71/323, para. 65 *Also in*: 69/321, para. 40	Requests the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat to provide a briefing to the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-second session of the General Assembly on the	Department of Management	During the seventy-second session, the Office of Human Resources Management briefed the Working Group on the gender balance and regional origin of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group.

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		gender balance and regional origin of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization.		At the sixty-ninth session, the Ad Hoc Working Group, on 22 March 2016, was briefed by the Acting Director of the Strategic Planning and Staffing Division of the Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Management, on the gender balance and regional origin of executive heads and the Senior Management Group of the United Nations.
153.	71/323, para. 61 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 43	Welcomes the ongoing efforts of the Secretary-General towards achieving equal and fair distribution in terms of the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, while securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, and requests that further effective measures be taken in this regard.	Secretary-General	Implemented on an ongoing basis.
154.	71/323, para. 62 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 44; and 69/321, para. 43	Recalls its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, in particular paragraph 2, which notes that the Secretary-General will appoint the Deputy Secretary-General following consultations with Member States, and stresses that the process of appointments to senior posts by the Secretary-General within the Organization should be inclusive and transparent, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and as set out in the Charter.	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision.
155.	71/323, para. 63 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 45	Stresses the need to ensure equal and fair distribution based on gender balance and as wide a geographical basis as possible, and in this regard recalls its resolutions 46/232 of 2 March 1992 and 51/241, adopted without a vote, which contain the principles that the	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision.

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		highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity are the paramount considerations in the recruitment and performance of international civil servants and that, as a general rule, there should be no monopoly on senior posts in the United Nations system by nationals of any State or group of States.		
156.	71/323, para. 64	Reiterates its request that the Secretary-General continue his ongoing efforts to ensure the attainment of equitable geographical distribution and gender balance in the Secretariat, while recalling its resolution 71/263 of 23 December 2016, in particular the paragraphs thereof related to equitable geographical distribution and gender balance.	Secretary-General	Ongoing provision.

Cluster IV: strengthening the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly

No.	Resolution	Text of provision	Implementing entity	Comments
A. Provisions related to the competencies of the President of the General Assembly				
157.	70/305, para. 57	Decides that the President-elect of the General Assembly shall take an oath of office of his or her own, as detailed in annex I to the present resolution, at the moment of handing over the gavel in the final plenary meeting of the preceding session, and decides that the text of the oath shall be annexed to the rules of procedure of the Assembly.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The oath of office was first taken by the President-elect of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly at the 118th plenary meeting of the seventieth session of the Assembly, on 13 September 2016. The rules of procedure have been reissued (A/520/Rev.18) and include the oath of office under annex X. In its resolution 71/323, the General Assembly welcomed the taking of the oath of office and the observation of the code of ethics by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as contained in annexes X and XI to the rules of

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				procedure of the General Assembly, thus contributing to increased transparency and accountability of the Office (para. 67).
158.	70/305, para. 58	Also decides that the President of the General Assembly shall observe a code of ethics, as detailed in annex II to the present resolution, and further decides that the text of the code of ethics for the President of the Assembly shall be annexed to the rules of procedure of the Assembly.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The rules of procedure have been reissued (A/520/Rev.18) and include the code of ethics for the President of the General Assembly under annex XI.
159.	71/323, para. 69 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 49; 69/321, para. 46; 68/307, para. 31; 67/297, para. 27; 66/294, para. 29; 65/315, para. 24; 64/301, para. 13; and 63/309, para. 4	Encourages the Presidents of the General Assembly to continue with the practice of periodically briefing Member States on their activities, including official travel.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.
160.	70/305, para. 51 *Also in*: 69/321, para. 48; and 68/307, para. 33	Encourages exchanges between the President-elect of the General Assembly and the Council of Presidents of the General Assembly so that Presidents-elect may benefit from the experiences of former Presidents in terms of best practices and lessons learned.	President of the General Assembly	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.
161.	71/223, para. 71 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 52; 69/321, para. 49; 67/297, para. 32; 66/294, para. 36; 65/315, para. 28; 64/301, para. 17; and 60/286, annex, para. 9	Also commends the steps taken by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, assisted by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, to develop a standardized format for the written handover summary of best practices and lessons learned, welcomes with appreciation the provision of a handover report from the President of the Assembly at	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented on an ongoing basis. The President of the seventy-first session shared with all Member States, in a letter dated 3 October 2016, the handover summary received from his predecessor, which was prepared on the basis of a standardized format developed by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management and with the Department's technical assistance.

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		its seventieth session to his successor, which was transmitted to all Member States, and requests future Presidents of the Assembly to continue this practice.		
162.	71/323, para. 84 *Also in:* 70/305, para. 69; 69/321, para. 56; 68/307, para. 40; and 67/297, para. 29	Requests the President of the General Assembly, in cooperation with the Secretariat, to report to the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-second session of the Assembly on the implementation of all mandates accorded to him under the present resolution and previous relevant resolutions.	President of the General Assembly, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	The President of the General Assembly delivered a statement at the fourth thematic meeting of the Working Group during the seventy-second session.
163.	58/126, annex, para. 7	In June of each year, the President-elect of the General Assembly, after taking into account the views provided by Member States and following consultations with the incumbent President and the Secretary-General, will suggest an issue, or issues, of global concern upon which Member States will be invited to comment during the general debate at the forthcoming session of the Assembly. The views provided by Member States should also be summarized and circulated to Member States. Such suggestions regarding the issue(s) for comment will be without prejudice to the sovereign right of Member States to solely and entirely determine the content of their general debate statements.	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The President-elect of the seventy-second session proposed the following theme: "Focusing on people: striving for peace and a decent life for all on a sustainable planet".
164.	71/323, para. 73	Decides, in full respect of the established principle of geographical rotation and its resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, to conduct informal interactive	General Assembly	Ongoing provision. The President of the seventy-second session informed Member States of his intention to convene informal interactive dialogues, as mandated in resolution 71/323, in early May 2018.

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		dialogues with candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, thus contributing to the transparency and inclusivity of the process, and calls upon candidates to present to the Assembly their vision statements.		
B. Provisions related to the financial, logistic and technical support for the President of the General Assembly				
165.	71/323, para. 79 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 64; 69/321, para. 54; and 68/307, para. 38	Recalls its request that the Secretary-General submit, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, proposals to review the budget allocation of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, in accordance with existing procedures and taking into account the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the issue, and in this connection looks forward to considering such proposals during the main part of its seventy-second session.	Secretary-General	Pursuant to resolution 70/305, the Secretary-General, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, submitted the following proposals: (a) one new general temporary assistance position at the P-5 level to manage the continuity and transfer of knowledge between Presidents and sessions and assist in the preparation of the President's end-of-presidency report and in the handover for the President and/or the Office; and (b) additional general temporary assistance resources corresponding to an overlap period of one month for each of the four positions (2 D-2, 1 D-1 and 1 P-5) to maximize the use of the transition period for incoming Presidents on an annual basis (see A/72/6 (Sect. 1), paras. 1.8 and 1.26). However, those proposals were not approved by the Assembly (see resolution 72/263).
166.	71/323, para. 66 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 46	Commends the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session for strengthening the transparency and inclusivity of his Office, including through the increased and creative use of online facilities, and for providing a financial disclosure upon assumption of office and releasing detailed information on the finances of and contributions to his Office and details on the official travel, substantive activities,	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. Detailed information on finances, official travel, staffing and activities of the Office of the President of the General Assembly are made available on the website of the President.

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		staffing and activities of his Office, as mandated in resolution 70/305, and looks forward to an end-of-term report on these matters, and requests future Presidents of the Assembly to follow these good practices.		
167.	70/305, para. 53	Requests the President of the General Assembly to preserve the records and institutional memory during her or his term of office by using existing United Nations record-keeping and archiving facilities, taking into account existing record-keeping standards and practices of the Organization.	President of the General Assembly	To be implemented on an ongoing basis.
168.	71/323, para. 72 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 54	Supports the efforts made thus far in archiving and record-keeping by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, with the assistance of the Archives and Records Management Section of the Department of Management of the Secretariat, and stresses the need to continue to consider methods to effectively preserve the institutional memory of the Office.	Secretary-General	To be implemented on an ongoing basis upon receipt of relevant documentation from the Office of the President of the General Assembly.
169.	70/305, para. 59	Requests the Ethics Office of the Secretariat and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management to provide an induction briefing to all Presidents of the General Assembly and members of the Office of the President of the General Assembly prior to the assumption of their duties.	Ethics Office, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Implemented on an ongoing basis. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management organized a two-day induction programme for the President-elect of the seventy-first session and his team, which took place on 7 and 8 September 2016 and included briefings on conference management support; the rules of procedure of the General Assembly; the programme of work of the seventy-first session; ethics, accountability and oversight; best practices in digital records management; communications and media; budget, finance, human

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				resources and administrative matters; and an overview of the protocol services available to the President of the General Assembly. A similar induction briefing was provided for the President-elect of the seventy-second session and his team on 29 and 30 August 2017.
170.	71/323, para. 77 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 61	Recalls its request to the Secretary-General and its invitation to the heads of specialized agencies, funds and programmes, upon request by the President of the General Assembly, to consider seconding staff to work in the Office of the President of the General Assembly on a more systematic basis.	Secretary-General, heads of specialized agencies, funds and programmes	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.
171.	70/305, para. 62	Decides that Presidents of the General Assembly shall provide financial disclosures upon assumption and completion of their duties, in line with the existing United Nations financial disclosure programme.	President of the General Assembly	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.
172.	70/305, para. 65	Also requests the Secretary-General to make non-staff programme budget resources available to Presidents of the General Assembly from the date of their election.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. In resolution 71/323, the Assembly welcomed the decision by the Secretary-General to make non-staff programme budget resources available to Presidents of the General Assembly from the date of their election (para. 80).
173.	71/323, para. 83 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 67	Reiterates its call for non-in-kind contributions to be channelled through the trust fund, and welcomes the steps taken in this regard by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session.	President of the General Assembly, Ethics Office	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis. In resolution 71/323, the Assembly welcomed the establishment of the practice of vetting all contributions from sources other than Member States through the Ethics Office, and urges adherence to this practice (para. 82).
174.	70/305, para. 68	Requests Presidents of the General Assembly to publish information on the website of the President on an ongoing	President of the General Assembly	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis.

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		basis on substantive activities, contributions to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and details of official travel undertaken during his or her Presidency and to produce an end-of-term report on these matters.		
175.	71/323, para. 81 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 66; 69/321, para. 55; 68/307, para. 39; 67/297, para. 28; 66/294, para. 33; and 64/301, para. 12	Stresses the importance of the contributions of Member States to the Trust Fund in support of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, and in this regard notes with appreciation the contributions that have been made to the Fund, and encourages Member States to continue to contribute to the Fund and to allow for unspent contributions from previous sessions to be made available for succeeding terms.	Member States	Since the adoption of resolution 66/294, a number of contributions have been made to the trust fund in support of the Office of the President of the General Assembly. Furthermore, each incoming President of the Assembly is briefed about the fund and its modalities. The Presidents of the seventieth and seventy-first sessions have published information concerning contributions made to the trust fund on their websites.
176.	71/323, para. 74 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 55; 69/321, para. 50; and 68/307, para. 34	Stresses the need to promote and ensure gender balance throughout the United Nations system, and in this regard invites Member States to consider presenting women as candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, and encourages Presidents-elect to continue to ensure respect for balanced gender and geographical representation in the Office of the President of the General Assembly.	Member States	Provision to be implemented on an ongoing basis.
177.	71/323, para. 75 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 56; 69/321, para. 51; 68/307, para. 35; 67/297, para. 30; 66/294, para. 34; and 65/315, para. 26	Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly on the sources of funding and staffing of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, including on any technical, logistical, protocol-related or financial questions, and for more clarification on	Secretary-General	The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management briefed the Working Group during its fourth thematic meeting at the seventy-second session.

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		the budgetary basis for the provision of such support by the Secretariat.		
178.	66/294, para. 35 *Also in*: 65/315, para. 27; 64/301, para. 11; and 59/313, para. 3 (d)	Requests the Secretary-General to further endeavour to ensure, within agreed resources, that the President of the General Assembly is provided with proper protocol and security services and adequate office space, with a view to enabling the President of the Assembly to carry out his or her functions in a manner commensurate with the dignity and stature of the Office.	Secretary-General	The Department of Safety and Security continues to provide close protection coverage for the President of the General Assembly from within existing resources, and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management continues to provide protocol services to the Office of the President of the General Assembly. In addition, new office space has been made available to the Office in the renovated conference building.
179.	71/323, para. 76 *Also in*: 70/305, para. 60; 69/321, para. 52; 68/307, para. 36; 67/297, paras. 31 and 32; 66/294, para. 36; 65/315, para. 28; 63/309, para. 5; and 60/286, annex, para. 9	Emphasizes the need to ensure, from within agreed resources, that the Office of the President of the General Assembly is allocated dedicated Secretariat staff, with responsibility to, in an efficient and capable manner, coordinate the transition between Presidents, manage interactions between the President and the Secretary-General and preserve institutional memory, welcomes the provision by Member States of staff from their respective permanent missions to be seconded to the Office of the President, and encourages the continuation of this existing good practice.	Secretariat, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	Provision implemented on an ongoing basis. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management provides technical, procedural and substantive support to the Office of the President of the General Assembly throughout the year and briefs Presidents-elect and their teams on the work of the forthcoming session. As of 2016, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management organizes a two-day induction programme each year. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management also serves as focal point for the institutional memory of the work and practices of the General Assembly within the Secretariat.
180.	59/313, para. 3 (b)	Decides to strengthen the role and leadership of the President of the General Assembly by: (b) Augmenting the resources available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly from within existing resources, subject to consideration by the Assembly of the proposed	Secretary-General	Provision implemented as from the sixtieth session (A/61/483, p. 18).

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		programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007, to provide for two further additional posts at management and senior levels to be filled on an annual basis following consultations with the incoming President, beginning at the sixtieth session of the Assembly.		
181.	58/126, annex, para. 10	The resources available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly in personnel and other support shall be augmented from within existing resources, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 22 of the annex to resolution 55/285. Five additional posts shall be made available to supplement current support, of which three shall be filled on an annual basis, following consultations with the incoming President, beginning at the fifty-ninth session of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	Provision implemented as from the fifty-ninth session (A/61/483, p. 11, and A/62/608).
182.	55/285, annex, para. 22 *Also in*: 51/241, annex, para. 44	Additional measures are required to implement paragraph 44 of the annex to resolution 51/241, in particular in the area of substantive support for the President of the General Assembly. Therefore, adequate support should be made available to the Office of the President in the substantive areas of its work. To this end, the Secretary-General is requested to take appropriate measures and to submit proposals to the relevant committees for their consideration during the fifty-sixth session of the Assembly.	Secretary-General	Implemented on an ongoing basis. See also other relevant provisions.
183.	59/313, para. 3 (c)	Decides to strengthen the role and leadership of the	Secretary-General	As of the sixty-eighth session, new office space has been made available to the Office of the President of the

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		President of the General Assembly by: (c)Making available to the President of the General Assembly adequate office and conference space with a view to enabling the President to carry out his/her functions in a manner commensurate with the dignity and stature of the Office.		General Assembly in the renovated conference building.
184.	60/286, annex, para. 11 *Also in*: 58/126, annex, para. 11	Requests the Secretary-General to continue to make the necessary arrangements for the provision of transitional office accommodation and other support to the President-elect of the General Assembly, in accordance with resolution 58/126.	Secretary-General	As of the fifty-ninth session, transitional office space and other support has been provided to the Presidents-elect (A/61/483, p. 11, and A/62/608, p. 6).